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OPEN TO ALL SUGGESTIONS, SAYS GOVT AMID OUTCRY OVER DRAFT IT RULES

Ministry of Electronics and IT (Meity) on Tuesday met intermediaries and civil society groups to hear their concerns over the proposed amendments

MAY EXTEND APRIL 14 DEADLINE FOR FEEDBACK

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, IT Secretary S Krishnan said that the ministry is very "open-minded" and will examine all suggestions. Krishnan also indicated that the government may extend the April 14 deadline for receiving feedback on the proposed IT rules amendments and will consider industry and stakeholder views before finalising any changes

CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL

- Krishnan said the feedback received ranged from requests for more time to demands for outright withdrawal of the draft amendments
- The backlash comes in the wake of proposed amendments that significantly widen the ambit to include "news and current affairs content" posted by non-publisher users such as influencers | P13

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WHEN MEITY PROPOSED DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE 2021 IT RULES

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Civilisational wipeout threat

Trump warns he will bomb Iran back to the Stone Age if it does not make a deal; Tehran defiant; Hormuz resolution in UNSC shot down

AGENCIES @ Washington/ Tehran

IN an unprecedented escalation of his war of words, US President Donald Trump on Tuesday warned Iran that a "whole civilisation will die tonight" if Tehran doesn't make a deal with the US by the latest deadline set by him – Tuesday 8 pm EDT (Wednesday 3.30 am Tehran time).

Iran rejected the threat, with President Masoud Pezeshkian saying millions of Iranians, including himself, are ready to sacrifice their lives in the war. The Islamic Republic urged young people to form human chains around power plants and other targets.

Trump's major demands are reopening the Strait of Hormuz and handing over the uranium stockpile.

"A whole civilization will die tonight, never to be brought back again. I don't want that to happen, but it probably will. However, now that we have Complete and Total Regime Change, where different, smarter, and less radicalized minds prevail, maybe something revolutionarily wonderful can happen... We will find out tonight!" Trump wrote on Truth Social.

A whole civilization will die tonight, never to be brought back again. I don't want that to happen, but it probably will
Donald Trump, US president

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In an equally threatening tone, US Vice President J D Vance said: "We've got tools in our toolkit that we so far haven't decided to use. The President of the United States can decide to use them, and he will decide to use them if the Iranians don't change their course of conduct."

Vance's comment, made during a press meet in Budapest, led to speculation about use of nuclear weapons. However, the White House later clarified that Vance did not mean a nuclear strike against Tehran.

The developments come on a day when a UN Security Council resolution aimed at reopening the Strait of Hormuz was shot down after Russia and China vetoed it.

Even before the deadline, US-Israel airstrikes hit two bridges and a train station, as well as the infrastructure on Kharg Island, a key hub for Iranian oil production.

On Monday, Trump had threatened to blow up "every bridge and power plant" in Iran, an action the UN considers a war crime. "Under international law, deliberately attacking civilians and civilian infrastructure is a war crime," UN high commissioner for human rights Volker Turk said.

Strong Indian advisory in Iran

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

THE Indian Embassy in Iran on Tuesday issued a safety advisory for its nationals, urging them to stay indoors and avoid military installations or upper floors of multi-storey buildings for the next 48 hours amid escalating US-Israel attacks.

"In continuation of previous advisories, Indian nationals who are still in Iran must stay where they are for the next 48 hours, avoiding all electric, military installations and upper floors of multi-storey buildings, remaining indoors, and coordinating any highway movement strictly with the Embassy," the advisory said. It also urged hotel residents to be contact with embassy teams.

"In view of the rapidly evolving situation in Iran, Indian nationals who are currently in Iran are advised to stay put where they are, shelter in place and avoid further movements," MEA said. Any movement toward border crossings must be coordinated with the embassy. Emergency helplines have been provided: +98 912 810 9115, +98 912 810 9102, +98 912 810 9109, +98 993 217 9359. P12

91L names out, TMC's minority base may take hit

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

A whopping 91 lakh names have been deleted from the West Bengal electoral rolls following the special intensive revision, which could impact the minority vote base of the ruling Trinamool Congress in the state.

Late on Monday night, the Election Commission of India (ECI) released a list categorising eligible and ineligible voters from the 60.06 lakh electors previously marked 'under adjudication.'

Of this, 27,16,393 voters have been declared ineligible to vote in the upcoming Assembly polls, taking the total number of deletions to 91 lakh.

Over 32.68 lakh voters have been marked as eligible in the final rolls. With this, the number of valid voters stands at 6,77,20,728.

Earlier, on February 28, the ECI had published a list of 63.66 lakh deleted voters, including 58.25 lakh classified as absent, shifted, dead, or duplicate (ASDD).

Following the latest revision, the number of valid voters stands at 6,77,20,728, including the 32.68 lakh newly confirmed eligible voters.

68% cut in Murshidabad

Murshidabad, a district with over 70% Muslim population, is the worst hit. Out of 11,01,145 adjudicated voters, 4,55,137 are ineligible. In total, 7,48,959 names have been deleted from the district's rolls – 68% of the total

West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee said her party will fight for the 27 lakh voters whose names have been deleted after adjudication.

She alleged that Muslims, Matuas, and Rajbongshis have been targeted for deletion.

On Monday, the Supreme Court had rejected the state's demand for interim relief for certain excluded voters, stating the matter should not be rushed.

₹3,500cr rise in PRR Ph-1 cost; further increase likely

INDRA S @Bengaluru

THE Bengaluru Business Corridor's (BBC) 73-km long phase-1 already records a cost escalation of about Rs 3,500 crore, from Rs 6,800 to 7,000 crore in 2022–23 to around Rs 10,500 crore at present. The costs could escalate further as the project progresses across the full stretch.

LK Atheeq, Chairperson of BBC, previously known as the Peripheral Ring Road (PRR), said the revised estimate reflects updated designs and prevailing rates. According to him, the rise is due to annual revisions in the schedule of rates over the past three years, typically increasing by 8 to 10% each year, along with significant design changes. The proposed road width has been expanded from 50 metres to 65 metres, with service roads planned on both sides, he added.

"At least eight major interchanges have been planned now, compared to just three earlier, along with several flyovers, including a five-km elevated stretch in Package 1," Atheeq said. The addition of multiple cloverleaf interchanges at key junctions such as Doddaballapura Road, Hennur Road (near Byrathi), Whitefield and Sarjapur, along with increased elevated corridors, has also contributed to the higher cost. Phase-1 has been divided into three packages, with revised lengths of about 21 km, 20 km and 30 km.

However, the PRR Raitha Haagu Niveshanadarara Sangha (farmer groups and site owners) have raised concerns over what they describe as a steep rise in project costs. P2

As summer peaks, up to 7 tmcft may be lost from Karnataka dams, lakes

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

WITH scorching heat, Karnataka is expected to lose up to 7 tmcft of water from all the reservoirs, tanks, rivers and other surface water resources this summer, forcing farmers and others to depend on ground water for drinking and agricultural purposes.

Some districts, especially in North Karnataka, are experiencing temperatures of around 40 degrees Celsius, which will only go up in the coming days. GS Srinivas Reddy, former director, Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC), said the evaporation is around 6 mm per day during April and May and it will go up to 150 mm. This roughly translates to 0.3 metre, or 1 foot, for two months. "Be it a tank, river or reservoir, water during summer gets evaporated by 1 foot," he said.

Reddy said that at many places, farmers use flood irrigation to water their crops, where evaporation is high. This causes more water loss, though awareness has been created on using sprinklers or drip-irrigation systems. "Water is also lost due to transpiration, where plants and vegetation let out more water and demand more frequent watering," he explained. Under such situations, it is common to depend on groundwater, which dries up borewells. "When water from surface sources evaporates, people look for ground water which is a common source of water for drinking," he said. Last year, evaporation was slightly lesser at 6 mm per day. That was because of good pre-monsoon rain during April-end and May that had filled up dams and water bodies and turned soil moist, lessening evaporation.

A senior official from the Agriculture Department said farmers, especially from south-interior and northern parts of the state, look for summer crops. "If the crop is good, water evaporation/ transpiration is also high and vice versa. Though the state government stresses drinking water as a priority, farmers use water from canals and other sources to get better crops," the official said.

As per KSNDMC data, many major dams have less water compared to last year, which is partly because of evaporation.

2 kids among 4 killed in sudden Manipur flare-up

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

People block a road after two kids were killed in Bishnupur district of Manipur | PTI

TENSIONS flared in ethnic violence-hit Manipur on Tuesday after four persons, including two children, were killed in a bomb attack and a firing incident. The incidents sparked widespread protests, prompting the state's BJP-led government to suspend internet services for three days in five Imphal Valley districts.

A five-year-old boy and a six-month-old infant girl were killed and their mother was injured in a bomb attack at around 1 am in the Moirang Tronglaobi area of Meitei-majority Bishnupur district, which shares a border with Kuki-majority Churachandpur district. When news about the incident spread, locals vented their ire by setting fire to two oil tankers and a truck.

Soon after, a mob stormed the camp of a central force, setting several vehicles parked inside on fire. The personnel opened fire to control the situation and five protesters sustained bullet wounds. Two of them later succumbed to injuries. Some other protesters sustained minor injuries.

Protests later erupted in different parts of the Imphal Valley, demanding action against those involved in the bomb attack as well as the security personnel who had opened fire.

Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh said the state government decided to hand over the case of the bomb attack to the National Investigation Agency (NIA). The decision was taken after detailed discussions with home minister Konthoujam Govindas Singh and other MLAs.

IT RAINS RUNS

Rajasthan Royals' Yashasvi Jaiswal celebrates his half-century with captain Riyan Parag during the Indian Premier League T20 cricket match against Mumbai Indians in Guwahati on Tuesday. RR secured a clinical 27-run victory over MI in a rain-curtailed 11-over thriller. Jaiswal led the charge for RR with 77 off 32 balls | PTI | P15

114 mild quakes hit 16 dists in state in 5 years

VINCENT D'SOUZA @ Mangaluru

KARNATAKA has witnessed a dispersed but uneven pattern of low-intensity seismic activity over the past five years, with certain northern and north-eastern districts emerging as relatively more active, according to data presented in the Lok Sabha by the Ministry of Earth Sciences recently.

The data shows that while the overall number of earthquakes in the state remains modest -- 114 events between 2021 and 2025 -- their distribution is not uniform. Districts such as Vijayapura, Bidar and Kalaburagi account for a higher share of recorded tremors, indicating localised clusters of micro-seismic activity.

Vijayapura stands out as the most seismically active district in the state during this period, recording 11 earthquakes in 2021, followed by 19 in 2022, six in 2023, two in 2024, and seven in 2025. Bidar also shows sustained activity, with three events each in 2021 and 2022, peaking at seven in 2023, and continuing with two and three events in subsequent years. Kalaburagi, which saw no activity in 2021, recorded a notable uptick with five earthquakes in 2023 and four in 2025.

Ballari registered a distinct spike in 2024 with seven earthquakes after relatively low activity in preceding years. In contrast, southern and coastal districts such as Mysuru, Dakshina Kannada and Kolar reported only isolated or negligible seismic events.

The ministry's district-wise table includes only 16 districts, reflecting those where earthquakes were actually recorded during the period. Several other districts do not appear in the dataset as they did not register any measurable seismic events between 2021 and 2025. P4

Entry into Sabarimala part of denominational autonomy: Centre

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

WITH hearing commencing on a batch of review petitions challenging the 2018 Sabarimala verdict, the Centre on Tuesday supported traditional restriction on the entry of women of menstruating age into the temple, telling the Supreme Court that the issue falls squarely within the domain of religious faith and denominational autonomy, adding it is beyond the scope of judicial review.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told a nine-judge bench that if there is something unscientific, the remedy is with the legislature. Wondering why advocates for women's entry into the Sabarimala temple invoke "patriarchy", Mehta argued that the concept is not rooted in India's societal framework.

India has always placed women on a higher pedestal, he argued. "In Indian society, we worship ladies... we bow down before our women deities.... So let us not introduce those concepts of patriarchy and gender stereotypes," he said.

Limits of bodily freedom

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said not everything is related to dignity or bodily freedom. "If I go to a mazar or a gurdwara and if I have to cover my head, I can't say my dignity, right or choice is taken away," he added

Mehta said he had strong objection to an observation in the 2018 judgment that the exclusion of women from the temple was a form of 'untouchability', violating Article 17 of the Constitution.

Justice Nagarathna interjected, saying a woman cannot be treated as 'untouchable' for three days in a month and then cease to be considered untouchable on the fourth day. But Mehta said he was not on the issue of menstruation. He added that the temple bar was not about menstruation but age group.

EXPRESS READ

Engineering student found dead near hostel

Bengaluru: A 21-year-old engineering student was found dead near his hostel in Govindapura under the Yelahanka New Town police station limits on Tuesday. It is alleged that he jumped from the ninth floor of the hostel building. His father claimed that it is a case of murder | P3

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- **Wednesday:** 08.04.2026
- **Year:** Parabhava
- **Ayana:** Uttharayana
- **Ritu:** Vasantha
- **Masa:** Chaitra
- **Paksha:** Krishna
- **Tithi:** Shashti 3.50 pm
- **Nakshatra:** Moola 5.49 am
- **Moon in** Dhanur Rashi
- **Rahukaala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm
- **Gulikakala:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
- **Yamaganda:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am

WEATHER

MIN 19°C | MAX 35°C

FORECAST Overcast

Sunrise 06.11 am
Sunset 06.31 pm
Moonrise 11.24 pm
Moonset 10.29 am

GBA USES TREATED WATER FROM 4 STPs TO KEEP 1,353 PARKS GREEN

Agency told to water 70 central road medians too in the mornings and evenings

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

WITH the temperature in the city crossing 33 degrees Celsius and hot and humid conditions prevailing, the primary concern remains watering and taking care of saplings and trees in the city's 1,353-plus parks and 70 central medians. The Horticulture Department of Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) does not have to worry much in taking care of plants and trees as treated water from four sewage treatment plants (STPs) at Nayandahalli, HSR Layout, Mahadevapura and Hebbal is meeting their needs.

MR Chandrashekhar, Deputy Director of Horticulture at GBA, said 2,000 rainwater harvesting pits dug over the last two years have also come in handy as they have helped in recharging groundwater.

Tankers with 6,000-litre capacity from all the five city corporations are pressed into service to fill treated water. Treated water from the Cubbon Park STP opposite Kanteerava Stadium too is collected. The agency tasked with maintaining plants in the five corporations has been told to water parks and central medians twice a day — in the morning and evening — till monsoon arrives and some good summer spells lash Bengaluru.

Water is also sourced from over 500 borewells inside parks and supplied to parks that don't have borewells or other water sources.

Twenty parks are attached to lakes and they don't face any water shortage. "Using treated water is the best solution as it contains nutritional content as well. This move will result in reducing dependency on potable water. For example, the horticulture department uses treated water from the STP to water 50% of the walking pathways at Jakkur Lake. Due to regular water supply, plants and trees are healthy, and the oxygen supply in the lake has increased," said Annapurna Kamath, from Jalaposhan, an NGO.

NET CAST WIDE

An outlet draining water from the Hebbal Lake into a stormwater drain has turned into a favoured place for locals to catch fish | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

150 Nimhans support staff undergoing census training

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

IN preparation for the Census 2027, the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) reportedly drafted 150 support staff from the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences for ongoing three-day training till April 8, sources told TNIE.

"Around 70 to 80 per cent of Nimhans support staff, which includes junior scientific officers, clerical, technical and engineering maintenance staff and director's secretariat etc. have been taken for census training for three days There is, however, no confirmation whether they will be deployed for census duty," added sources.

"Nimhans has written to the chief secretary and GBA commissioner not to put them on census duty as the institute comes under essential services and it will be very difficult to spare them for a month or two. It will gravely impact the institute's operations, which on a daily average records a footfall of around 2,000 patients," said sources.

The large scale house-to-house listing will be conducted between April 16 and May 15, covering every household. The GBA has deployed 4,678 enumerators and 798 supervisors. The training sessions are being held at 16 designated centres. It is mandatory for all assigned staff to attend these sessions without fail. The first phase of the census, including house listing and housing census, began on April 1 and will continue up to September.

Association seeks relaxation for GBA staff

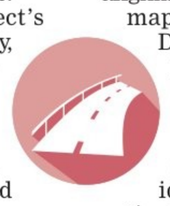
Bengaluru: With Census 2027 work set to begin on April 16, Karnataka State Government Employees' Association president CS Shadakshari has written to the GBA chief commissioner, seeking some relaxation for GBA staff. Shadakshari has requested the chief commissioner to assign duty for GBA staff within 10 km from their residences. Similarly, the staff already appointed as booth level officers (BLOs) should be exempted from census duty. Those having health issues should not be drafted for census work.

East to focus on service roads in SWD buffer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

TO address traffic congestion within the Bengaluru East City Corporation (BECC) limits, Commissioner DS Ramesh held a meeting with B-SMILE (Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Limited) officials to accelerate the land acquisition process for the construction of service roads within the Storm Water Drain (SWD) buffer zone.

Reviewing the project's progress here on Tuesday, the Commissioner directed officials to complete land acquisition and technical processes within the stipulated timeline.



"Under a mobility-oriented concept, it is proposed to construct a service road of approximately 18 km along the SWD buffer zone, extending from the Bellandur Lake outlet to Varthur Lake Kodi (Virginia Mall stretch). The project aims to develop 15-metre-wide roads on both sides of the drain," said Ramesh.

Officials were instructed to identify buffer zones along SWD, prepare the required alignment for road development, and finalise superimposed maps. They were also directed to obtain final approval for alignment and maps from the Additional Chief Town Planning Authority.

Ramesh instructed officials to submit a DPR for the proposed service road and associated infrastructure. It was noted that in some areas, multi-storey buildings (more than 10 floors) are located close to the proposed alignment.

Based on revenue records, alignment plans, superimposed maps, and Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) maps, officials were instructed to finalise land acquisition requirements. They were also directed to accurately identify private properties falling under acquisition for road development. The provision of TDR for affected landowners was discussed during the meeting. Officials were instructed to submit a draft notification for initiating the land acquisition process after finalisation of alignment and maps.

The buffer zone is to be treated as a park and open space. As per regulations, developers must reserve 15% of land as open space and maintain mandatory setbacks from the buffer edge.

Recital of Vedas ensured moon mission success: MP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

BENGALURU Rural MP Dr C N Manjunath said recital of Vedas and Upanishads were one of the factors responsible for the success of the Chandrayaan-3 Mission.

Delivering the keynote address at the convocation ceremony of Karnataka Samskrit University in Bengaluru on Tuesday, the BJP MP said, "Sanskrit is not just a language; it is an expression of our highest moral values, ethics, and cultural heritage. In fact, when Chandrayaan-3 was launched on August 23,2023, Vedas and Upanishads were chanted to see that our Vikram lander lands on the south pole of the moon. Whatever may be the science, the faith, hope and trust we have in these traditions is tremendous. Historically, Sanskrit has been at the heart of India's intellectual and cultural evolution. It is believed that one of the earliest centres of Sanskrit learning flourished in ancient institutions like Nalanda University."

Advising students to develop skills to get employment, Dr Manjunath said, "UG, PG and PhD students must develop skills that can help them get employment. India's population has a majority of youngsters in the age group of 20 to 30 years, but many of them, despite being graduates, are not able to secure jobs. More drivers, plumbers, electricians and others are able to get jobs because they are skilled. Hence, graduates must also equip themselves with skills."

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot and MP Dr C N Manjunath with DLitt awardees Bhikkhu Ananda Thero, Pushpa Dixit, Vyasanakere Prabhanjanacharya, Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji and Sukant Kumar Senapati during the convocation of Karnataka Samskrit University at in Bengaluru on Tuesday | KEVIN NASHON

TOP ACHIEVERS

Suhas B M, MA in Vyakarana Shastra from Veda Vijanana Shodha Sansthana Sanskrit College, Channenahalli, was awarded the Sri Ganapati Sachchidananda Swamiji gold medal, the Sri Suyateendra Teertha Swamiji gold medal and Divangata Shri P Nanjundaswamy & Divangata Shrimati Nanjamma monetary award. Sumanth Bhat, BA in Jyoutisha Shastram from SMSP Samskrita College, Udupi, was awarded the Sri Dharmasthala Manjunatha Swamiji gold medal, Infosys monetary awards and Divangata Shri P Nanjundaswamy & Divangata Shrimati Nanjamma monetary award.

Emphasising that research has taken a back seat in all universities due to paucity of funds, Dr Manjunath said, "It is imperative on the part of both the state and UGC to allocate sufficient funds for research activities. Without research, there is no progress, no innovation and no new thoughts. Research is the lifeline of all discoveries otherwise the learning process will become stagnant. Allocation of funds for research activities in universities is least in India compared to the rest of the world."

Around 53 students were awarded gold medals instituted by various endowments for securing top ranks in different disciplines. A total of 36 research scholars were awarded PhD (Vidyavaridhi) degrees in various fields such as Sanskrit, Vedas, philosophy, literature and yoga.

Meanwhile, 917 undergraduate and postgraduate students of 2023-24 and 2024-25 were conferred degrees, including Shastri (BA), Acharya (MA) and MSc in Yoga and Yoga Therapy.

Governor and Chancellor Thaawarchand Gehlot awarded honorary D Litt to six distinguished scholars. Among the awardees were Bhikkhu Ananda Thero, Pushpa Dixit and Vyasanakere Prabhanjanacharya for 2023-24 and Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji, Vidwan Shingappa H M and Prof Sukant Kumar Senapati for 2024-25.

Vice-Chancellor Dr S Ahalya, registrars Prof V Girish Chandra and Dr Ramakrishna Bhat and others were present.

EXPRESS READ

Civic workers battle it out at sports meet

Bengaluru: Ahead of Ambedkar Jayanti, which falls on April 14, the Bengaluru North City Corporation organised a two-day sports meet for pourakarmikas, gangmen, gardeners and watermen on Tuesday. Workers from Byatarayanapura, Yelahanka, Hebbal, Dasarahalli, Sarvagnanagar, Rajareshwarinagar Nagar and Pulakeshinagar took part. ENS

BDA apartment owners launch forum to address common issues

APARTMENT owners across eight Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) housing projects have come together to launch the BDA Apartments Owners Forum, a collective platform aimed at representing their interests and improving engagement with authorities. The forum brings together residents from projects including Alur, Gunjur, Janabharathi Enclave, Kaniminike, Kommaghatta, Konadasapura and Thippasandara. It has emerged from coordinated efforts over the past few months to address shared concerns such as maintenance delays, pending works and lack of clarity in handover processes. ENS

'Total cost of PRR Ph-1 could rise nearly 180%'

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THE Sangha alleged that civil construction costs have increased from around Rs 82 crore/km (100mtr road), the new tender has quietly surged to an approximate of Rs 230 crore/km (65mtr road) for the first package.

The group claimed that if current rates are applied across the entire 73-km stretch, the overall cost of the entire project could rise sharply.

It estimated that the total cost for the phase 1 could increase to nearly 180%. It also questioned the tendering process, citing the absence of final environmental clearance and a Detailed Project Report.

Atheeq, however, maintained that the cost increase is proportionate to design enhancements, and noted that it would be incorrect to term the entire project cost as escalation. "The actual increase is around Rs 3,500 crore," he said.

PRR: RISING COSTS

PROJECT COST OVER TIME

2007: ₹3,000 crore

Present: ₹27,000 crore

Project age: Nearly 20 years

Cost increase: 9x

WHY COSTS ROSE

- Prolonged land acquisition delays
- Legal disputes over land
- Multiple tender failures as there were no bidders (2022, 2024)
- Project execution delays spanning nearly two decades

PROJECT STATUS

- Proposed in 2007 to ease congestion on Bengaluru outskirts
- Now being executed under Bengaluru Business Corridor Ltd (BBCL)
- Funding via loan from Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd (HUDCO)

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

09th April : Cooling the Aries Spark On a day of three lunar squares and a lunar sign change, emotional tension will need somewhere to go. Aries season can bring flashes of hotheaded energy along with a chance to sharpen your skills in conflict resolution and de-escalation. Not every spark deserves oxygen. Often the wisest move is simply not to "go there" or to leave "there" the moment it gets heated.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
No need to meet the expectations of others. In fact, no need to meet your own expectations either. All improvement comes from joyfully handling what's in front of you -- something you do naturally and unthinkingly. You can trust yourself.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
No one seems to handle things the way you would today, and it may test your patience. Not every deviation is a mistake, though. Someone's different approach will reveal an outcome you wouldn't have considered.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
Misunderstandings can happen in even the best relationships. Even someone who truly knows you well -- someone who sees your layers and history -- will occasionally misread you. That doesn't mean the bond is weak, it means you're both human.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
Someone is bringing the fun and kindness to your world. Maybe this person is generally charming and engages in a similar way to just about everyone. Or maybe this is a burgeoning attraction.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
You don't want to do anything that looks good on paper while making you miserable in practice. Why? Because you're wise, and your wisdom shines through the decisions you make to honor your mental and emotional health.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
Today's quick fix only really works if it makes sense for tomorrow, too. You're looking ahead to make your future life sweeter. The long line of tomorrows that will be impacted by today's decision are worth heavier consideration.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
Making others happy isn't enough for you because you want to do it with style. You want your signature on the effort, and, quite frankly, the recognition that comes with it. Being seen is a basic human need.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
You get more done today because you stick to the basics. There's elegance in this -- efficiency, economy and dignity. No extra drama, no getting pulled in five directions. Just one clear goal and steady effort.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
Not every 'no' is a rejection. If someone passes on your idea, don't interpret that as a verdict. It could very well be a sizing issue. In a relationship context, the same idea applies. The "yes" comes when the chemistry and timing are right.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
You're less attached to how things "should" be today and more open to how they actually are. If anything gets confusing, lead with love. Say it aloud. Love, unexpressed, might go unreceived. Love expressed will quickly smooth out misunderstandings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Wild ideas are flying around today. Most are easy to dismiss, but one of them might be just strange enough to work. Keep listening. Inspiration has a funny way of showing up from unexpected places.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
Some degree of tension keeps a relationship interesting. Arguably, some degree of tension keeps it alive. But when the tension is too much and unpleasant, the remedy is easy. Instead of struggling, give in.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

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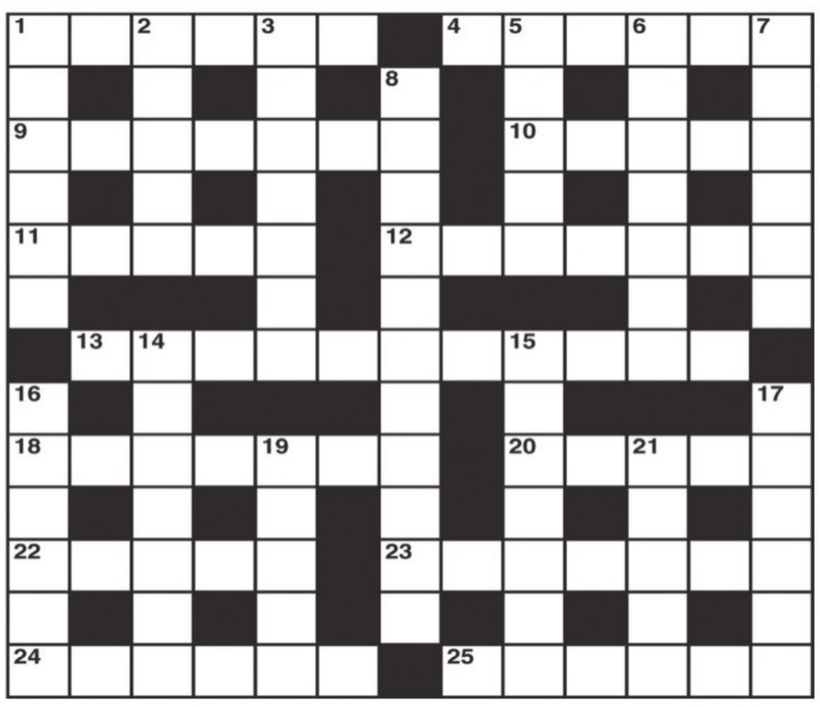

CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 End call in audible difficulty (4,2)
4 Money sought by some scouts (6)
9 Tedious sort of broadcast (7)
10 Hybrid ape is brown (5)
11 The sound of Ouida's characters (5)
12 Strange men in obscure Scandinavian country (7)
13 Resolute support from your company? (4,7)
18 Jaguar strike not official (7)
20 Turn to her or someone else (5)
22 A newly married woman has no right to stay (5)
23 One who insists on facts is later confused (7)
24 A spot of publicity? (6)
25 Drunk takes bottle opener to bingo (6)

DOWN

1 Pipe for a sound rugby forward (6)
2 Made a record and was famous (5)
3 Not changing habits for example (7)
5 A clergyman lost his head for this crime (5)
6 Account for what is no longer clear (7)
7 One is going to make them (6)
8 Service chiefs? (4,7)
14 I'll leave things behind with hostility (3,4)
15 A professor of infinite wisdom (4-3)
16 Pinches a sort of square set askew (6)
17 Got right in to a cavern (6)
19 They man ships on a voyage reportedly (5)
21 Part of flag one shot to pieces (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Cashier, 5 Shout, 8 Guardian angel, 9 Rodeo, 10 Offence, 11 Parish, 12 Access, 15 Strolls, 17 Ruins, 19 Insubordinate, 20 Easel, 21 Treason.

Down: 1 Cigar, 2 Standard roses, 3 Indoors, 4 Reason, 5 Scarf, 6 Organ recitals, 7 Tellers, 11 Pastime, 13 Carmine, 14 Esprit, 16 Libel, 18 Stem.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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So, is this a dream come true?
It's what all the practices and hard work have been for.
BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE OLYMPIC ICE HOCKEY TEAM HAD BEEN HIS ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: WHEEL PRICE CASHEW UNPAID
Answer: If the Olympic curling team could win all their matches, it would be a — CLEAN SWEEP

Alimabi (62), a resident of Gandhi Nagar in Koteshwar, died on the spot due to severe head injuries after a speeding KSRTC bus hit her while she was crossing NH-66 at Thekkatte in Udupi on Monday night

Lokayukta cops net 8 officials with Rs30cr DA

35 places raided simultaneously across state

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Lokayukta police on Tuesday unearthed total disproportionate assets (DA) of Rs 30.28 crore allegedly possessed by eight state government officials.

The sleuths conducted searches simultaneously at 35 places, including the residences and offices of the officials and the residences of their relatives in Mysuru, Belagavi, Mangaluru, Chitradurga, Shivamogga, Ballari, Bidar and Kodagu.

Susheelamma HG, who has taken voluntary retirement from the post of accounts assistant attached to Nirmithi Kendra in Chitradurga allegedly possessed Rs 8.20 crore DA, which is the highest among the eight officials. She owned 13 residential sites, six houses, one commercial complex, 34 acres 2 guntas of agricultural land, besides acquiring gold worth Rs 28.58 lakh.

According to the official statement, total DA of Rs 3.27 crore acquired by GK Revan Kumar, Assistant Engineer, PWD Sub Division in Mysuru; Rs 3.78 crore by Ajaysing Bapursing Rajput, Assistant Executive Engineer, District Urban Development Cell in Belagavi; Rs 3.37 crore by Babu BN, Assistant Drug Controller, Mangaluru; Rs 3.88 crore by Shobha KR, District Officer, Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Welfare Corporation, Shivamogga; Rs 1.93 crore by Shivanna, Assistant Director, Fisheries Department, Ballari; Rs 3.42 crore by Suresh K L, who retired as Incharge Comptroller, Karnataka Veterinary Science and Fisheries University, Bidar and Rs 2.40 crore by LK Puttaswamy, Assistant Executive Engineer, Harangi Sub Division, Kushalnagar.

Currency notes, gold and silver items unearthed during the raids | EXPRESS

11 held for selling IPL tickets in black

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

SLEUTHS of the Central Crime Branch (CCB), posing as decoy buyers, arrested 11 people for allegedly selling IPL tickets in the black market. They recovered 28 tickets and eight mobile phones worth about Rs 4.53 lakh.

Tickets for IPL matches in Bengaluru were being sold only online. The accused allegedly purchased tickets through official platforms and resold them at inflated prices via various mobile applications. Acting on specific information, CCB officials laid a trap and arrested the suspects.

The Special Enquiry Squad of the CCB carried out the operation on Sunday during the match between Royal Challengers Bengaluru and Chennai Super Kings at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium. Cases were registered within the limits of Cubbon Park and Chamarajpet police stations. In total, seven cases were booked and 11 people apprehended.

Within Cubbon Park police limits, 10 people were caught for black market tickets. Police recovered seven mobile phones, 18 IPL tickets of various denominations, and WhatsApp screenshot printouts from them. Six cases were registered in this connection.

In the Chamarajpet police limits, one person was arrested. Police recovered one mobile phone, 10 IPL tickets, and WhatsApp screenshot printouts allegedly used for online ticket sales. One case has been registered.

CRIME PATROL

BTech grad, aide held for extorting builder's wife

Bengaluru: The KR Puram police have arrested Chinnur Mahesh, a BTech graduate, from Kondur village of Nizamabad district in Telangana and his associate Vannur Swamy from Anantapur in Andhra Pradesh for extorting gold ornaments and cash by threatening a builder's wife on social media. They recovered 571gm of gold ornaments and other valuables worth around Rs86.65 lakh. The complainant, a resident of White City Layout in Seegehalli, filed the complaint on February 10, 2026, stating that two individuals had befriended her on social media about a year-and-a-half ago. Later, they threatened her that they would send her private videos to her husband and extorted gold ornaments and cash from her. Both confessed to their involvement in the crime during interrogation. **ENS**

2,562 girls vaccinated against HPV

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

A total of 2,562 girls have received the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine under the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) till April 6, with officials stating that no adverse effects have been reported so far.

Cervical cancer, primarily caused by persistent HPV infection, remains a major public health concern. HPV spreads mainly through sexual contact, through poor personal hygiene, genital problems, sores and vaccination before exposure offers effective protection.

The authority said the World Health Organisation's global strategy for cervical cancer elimination recommends vaccinating 90% of girls by the age of 14 by 2030. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare began providing the HPV vaccine free of cost from February 28. Under the GBA, vaccination for girls aged 14–15 has started across all government hospitals and health centres.

An e-certificate will be issued after vaccination. Parents can book appointments through the U-WIN portal. The GBA has set a target of vaccinating approximately 1,18,339 girls across 369 wards. The vaccine is currently available at 146 cold-chain points, including Urban Primary Health Centres, Community Health Centres and government hospitals. Girls who have already been vaccinated in private hospitals will not be given a second dose under the programme, officials said.

A girl gets her HPV vaccine shot on Tuesday in Bengaluru | EXPRESS

Locals and fire personnel rescue cows from the fire at Shamanna Road on Tuesday | EXPRESS

5 cows killed, 3 hurt in plywood shop blaze

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

FIVE cows died and three more have sustained severe injuries after a fire at a plywood shop quickly spread to the adjacent cowshed on Shamanna Road in the DJ Halli police limits at around 1:45am on Tuesday.

The police said the fire started at the plywood shop that stocked furniture and wood, spreading rapidly and engulfing the surroundings. Of the 19 cows housed in the shed, five have died. Local residents, along with Fire and Emergency Services personnel rescued the remaining cows. The surviving injured animals are currently being treated. A goods vehicle, four two-wheelers and a few houses in the locality have also suffered damage in the blaze. The DJ Halli police have registered a case and the cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained.

Srinivas, who owns the cows, said, "The condition of the cows has left us devastated." His family have reared cattle for milk for nearly 25 years and it was their primary source of livelihood.

Engg student from Ranchi found dead near hostel; father alleges murder

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

A 21-year-old engineering student was found dead near his hostel building in Govindapura under the Yelahanka New Town police limits on Tuesday. It is alleged that he jumped from the ninth floor of the hostel building. But his father claimed it was a murder.

The deceased, Lakshy Mishra, was a second-year IT student at Manipal Academy of Higher Education. From Ranchi, Jharkhand, he was staying at the college hostel.

Mishra's father, Anjani Kumar, a central government employee, said he received a call early Tuesday morning informing him that his son had jumped from the hostel building. About half-an-hour later, he received another call stating that his son had died.

He said that after arriving in Bengaluru and examining the situation, he believed it was not a case of suicide but murder. He questioned how his son could have jumped from a small hostel room window. He added that the spot where his son fell had very little blood. "If someone falls from the ninth floor, the condition of the body and the amount of blood lost would be significant. There was no reason for my son to take such an extreme step," he said, alleging that the police were colluding with the college management. He added that he would file a complaint seeking a probe as his son has died under suspicious circumstances.

The Yelahanka New Town police said the incident is said to have occurred around 3 am on Tuesday, but they were informe hours later. A formal complaint is yet to be registered.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **Smt. M S RESHMA** intends to purchase the property being vacant land bearing Site No.377, situated at 9th Cross, Vyalikaval House Building Co-operative Society Layout, Nagawara, Bangalore – 560 045 from its legal and rightful owner – Sri D P TEJAS by virtue of the registered SALE DEED Dt. 18/04/2017 bearing Document No.KCH-1-00566-2017-18 in C D No. KCHD221, Dt.09-05-2017, at the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar (Kacharakanahalli), Bengaluru as well as CONFIRMING DEED registered as document bearing No.GNR-1-05066-2023-24 Dt.12/10/2023, at the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar (Ganganagar), Bangalore from the erstwhile landlord – Sri. Muniraju through his registered SPA Holder – Sri. A. Srinivas.

Any person/s; bank/s; society/firm or any other body/entity having any/all right/s; title/s; title/s; interest/s or having any claim/s over the SCHEDULE PROPERTY is/are requested to contact the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication of this NOTICE, with their claim/interest if any, in writing and with documentary proof over the property, failing which my client will proceed to purchase the same and all subsequent claim/s; interest/s over the schedule property shall be considered to be null and void and will be deemed as waived off and not be legally binding upon my client, whatsoever, after the date of execution of the sale agreement/sale deed, whichever is earlier.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property i.e., vacant site bearing No.377, situated at "THE VYALIKAVAL HOUSE BUILDING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD.," Layout, the above said property is allocated in Survey Nos. 24/5; 24/6; 24/7A; 24/7B; 24/8; 25; 26/1; 26/2; 26/3B; 33/1; 34/1; 34/2; 35/1; 35/3 to 35/9; 37/2; 37/3; 37/6; 38/1; 48/1B; 49/3; 50/4; 51/2; 52/1; 76/3A; 76/3B; 77/3 to 77/7; 78/2; 78/6; 79; 81/1; 85/8; 86; 87/1; 87/2A; 87/2B; 87/2C; 87/2D; 87/3; 87/4 & 88/5 as per Layout plan approved by the BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, vide its Resolution bearing No.156/2003 Dt.12-09-02 and the Work Order bearing No. BDA/TPM/PL-32/1685/03-04 Dt.30-09-03 situated at Nagawara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore presently comes under the Jurisdiction of Greater Bengaluru Authority – Bengaluru North City Corporation (previously Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike limits, New BBMP Ward No.23), together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath the soil or above the surface thereon and bounded on

East by : Site No.376, **West by :** Private Property,
North by : Road, **South by :** Site No.379 & Private property,
Measuring East to West 46 Feet and North to South 60 Feet, totally measuring 2,760 Sq. Feet or 256.28 Sq. Mtrs, with ePID No.2774987247 (B - Khatha / Form – 11), with BBMP SAS No. 8000166881.

Place : Bengaluru **Date :** 7-04-2026

RAVI SHANKAR, B.Sc., B.Tech., LL. B.,
Advocate & Legal Consultant
M/s. R S ASSOCIATES,
No. 32, 2nd Main, 3rd Cross, (Near DASTA North Avenue Apartments), Lottegollahalli, R M V 2nd Stage, BENGALURU – 560 094. Mob. No. 8073 659 267

BENGALURU SOUTH CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer, Uttarahalli & Anjanapura Division, Bengaluru South City Corporation, Amruth Nagara -Konankunte Main road, Soudamini Layout, Bengaluru-62.

No:EE/UAD/TEND/01/2026-27 **Date: 07-04-2026**

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER
(Two Cover Tender)

(Through **GOK** KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only)
The Executive Engineer, Uttarahalli & Anjanapura Division, Bengaluru South City Corporation, Bengaluru-62 invites tenders on behalf the Commissioner from eligible contractors registered with KPWD/CPWD/BWSSB/MES/ Railways/National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl No.	Name of the works
1.	Improvements to road and drains at Yadalamnagar Colony, Vasanthapura Colony (Block 27_2). Bhuvaneshwari Nagar Colony. Vaddarapalya Colony. Srinivasa Colony. Uttarahalli Colony and Chikkallasandra Colony in SC/ST Beneficiary area and Connecting road in Uttarahalli Sub Division. (2nd Call)(Others) **Approximate Amount Put to Tender ₹.397.49 Lakhs, EMD ₹. 5,96,235.00**
2.	Improvements to roads and drains at Gubbalala and surrounding areas, G T Layout, Srinivasa Colony, Vaddarapalya Village, Arehalli, Turhalli Basavanna Temple road in Ward no-51 Subramanyapura of Bengaluru South Assembly Constituency. (2nd Call)(Others) **Approximate Amount Put to Tender ₹.397.49 Lakhs, EMD ₹. 5,96,235.00**
3.	Annual Maintenance of Dorekere Lake, Uttarahalli Lake and Devarakere Lake. (2nd Call)(ST) **Approximate Amount Put to Tender ₹. 49.00 Lakhs, EMD ₹. 49000.00**

Calendar of Events : (1) Uploading of Tender documents from **08-04-2026** (2) Last Date for uploading the Filled Tender Document is **15-04-2026** upto **4:00** pm. (4) Date of Technical Bid Opening of Tenders is on **17-04-2026** after **4:30** pm.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Uttarahalli & Anjanapura Division

MAHATRANSCO
Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) (LOCAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING)

SRM e-Tender No. T-2624/MSETCL/CO/Projects/Pre-Tender (RFx No. 6000001506) (2nd Call)
MSETCL invites offers by SRM e-tendering in TWO bid system (Techno-Commercial Bid and Price Bid) from the eligible registered bidders for the following work as detailed below.
"Establishment of 132/33kV Shirud Substation along with construction of LILO Line on 132kV Borvihir-Chalisgaon line for proposed 132kV Shirud Substation (RL - 4.865 km) Dist. Dhule under Nashik zone, MSETCL, Maharashtra."
Interested bidders may obtain further information available on the website.
https://srmetender.mahatransco.in
The date of downloading of Bid documents available on the website is from 02.04.2026.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (Projects), MSETCL

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby notified that our client proposes to purchase the Schedule Property from the owner **Mrs. Srilaxmi Venguru,** W/o. Mr. Brahmeswara Reddy K.V, Residing at # E-503 Skyline Beverly Park, Amruthalli Main Road, Amruthalli, Bangalore-560092.

Any person or persons having any claim/s of any kind whatsoever on the Schedule Property or objections for the proposed sale transaction may lodge their claims/objections with supporting legal documentary proof with the undersigned **within 15 (Fifteen) days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which thereafter our client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction and claims/objections received beyond the stipulated period will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being agricultural dry lands bearing various survey numbers as detailed herein below situated at Nachakunte Village, Thondebhavi Hobli, Gowribidanur Taluk, Chikkaballapura District and including all rights, appurtenances, privileges thereto:

ITEM No.1:
Survey No. 16/16 measuring 3 Acres 27 Guntas and 06 Guntas of Kharab Land and bounded as follows:
East by : Private Property bearing Survey No 23
West by : Property bearing Survey Nos. 16/6 and Survey No. 16/7 belonging to VENDOR
North by : Private Property bearing Survey No.16/3A1
South by : Property bearing Survey No.16/4 & 16/5 belonging to VENDOR and Survey No.16/3A2

ITEM No.2:
Survey No. 16/5 measuring 1 Acres 14 Guntas and 06 Guntas of Kharab Land and bounded as follows:
East by : Property Survey No.16/4 belonging to the VENDOR
West by : Private property bearing Sy.No.16/3B
North by : Property bearing Survey No.16/16 Belonging to the VENDOR
South by : Private Property bearing Survey No.24

ITEM No.3:
Survey No. 16/6 measuring 17 Guntas and bounded as follows:
East by : Private Property bearing Sy. No.16/3B
West by : Private Property
North by : Property bearing Survey No.16/7 belonging to VENDOR
South by : Private Property belonging to Mr. Narasimhaiah

ITEM No.4:
Survey No. 16/7 measuring 30 Guntas and bounded as follows:
East by : Property bearing Survey No.16/3A1 belonging to Nataraj and VENDOR
West by : Private agricultural lands
North by : Property bearing Survey No.17
South by : Property bearing Survey No.16/6 Belonging to the VENDOR

ITEM No.5:
Survey No. 16/4 measuring 1 Acre 20 Guntas and bounded as follows:
East by : Property bearing Survey No.23
West by : Property bearing Survey No.16/5 Belonging to the VENDOR
North by : Property bearing Survey No.16/16 Belonging to the VENDOR
South by : Private Property bearing Survey No.24

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Place : Bengaluru Date : 07-04-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

(Lost of document)
This is to inform the General Public that My Client **Mr. B.M. Somashekar,** is the absolute owner of the immovable Property bearing residential Site bearing No.20, Khatha No.8, measuring East to West: 30 feet and North to South: 40 feet, in all measuring 1200 Square feet, Situated at Mylasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, and the Previous Original Registered Sale Deed had been lost which is registered on 19.06.2013, registered as document No. BGR-1-02431-2013-14, stored in C.D.No.BGRD215, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Begur, Bangalore. I had lodged the complaint in Bangalore City Police Station, Bangalore, on 04/04/2026, LR No. 2139308/2026, if any body found the Sale Deed Original document kindly return to the below mentioned address;

RAVISHAIAH .R, Advocate,
No.28, Ground Floor, 38th Cross, 2nd Main Road, HBR Layout (Prakruthi Layout), Hennuru, Bangalore-560 043
ROLL No. KAR/1301/2002,
Ph No. 9449721008

WESTERN RAILWAY

CONSTRUCTION WORK
Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction), Western Railway, Indore (MP) invites **Tender No: IND-DINL-DyCE-C-II-138 Name of Work: Construction of 2 Lane ROB 373 (1 x 36 m Composite girder at Ch. 125451.48 M) on (SH 38) Mangod - Amjhera road on open foundation including approaches using PSC Girder on Viaduct, RE wall panels, earthwork, Roadwork & other Misc works in connection with New BG Line project between Dahod - Indore of Ratlam Division of Western Railway. Approx. Cost of Work: ₹43,79,88,394.45 EMD: ₹87,59,800/- Date & Time of submission: till 28.04.2026, 15.00 hrs. Date & Time of Opening:** On 28.04.2026 at 15.30 hrs. For further details please visit our website **www.ireps.gov.in.** 1287

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DEMAND NOTICE
Under Section 13 (2) of "The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No. 54 of 2002)"

To,
1. Mr. Mahesh .N S/o. Nagarajappa, No. 09, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, Someshwara Layout, Hulimavu EBT Compound, Bengaluru - 560 076. **(Borrower)**
2. Mrs. Ambika .N W/o. Mahesh N, No. 09, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, Someshwara Layout, Hulimavu EBT Compound, Bengaluru - 560 076. **(Co-Borrower)**

No. 1 & 2 amongst you have availed a housing loan from our branch against the security of mortgage of the following asset belonging to No. 1 & 2 of / amongst you. An amount of **Rs. 22,16,429/-** (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty Nine Only) is due from you, to Can Fin Homes Ltd. as on 07-04-2026 together with future interest at the contracted rate.

DETAILS OF THE MORTGAGED ASSET

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No. 7, Formed out of Property No. 155/1 & 172/2, situated at Hullahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangaluru, Measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 30 feet, in all measuring 900 Sq.Ft., along with building to constructed thereon and **bounded on : East by :** Site No. 40, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No. 6, **South by :** Site No. 8.

Registered demand notice was sent to Nos. 1 & 2 amongst you under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, but the same was returned unserved. The undersigned has, therefore, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known addresses of the said Borrower/s as per the said Act. Hence this paper publication. As you have failed to adhere to the terms of the sanction, the account is classified as a Non Performing Asset on **02-04-2026** as per the NHB Guidelines. You are hereby called upon to pay the above said amount with contracted rate of interest thereon from **07-04-2026** within 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which the undersigned will be constrained to Initiate action under SARFAESI Act to enforce the aforesaid security. Further, the attention of borrowers / guarantors is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to them to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 07-04-2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Whitefield, Bengaluru **Can Fin Homes Ltd.**

Karnataka Food & Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd.

(Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
No.16/I, MILLERS TANK BED AREA, BANGALORE-560 052
Ph: 080-2226 0932 / 2209 6555 / 2209 6512
E-mail: mdkfcsc@yahoo.com

No.KFCSC/ADMN/D.R./QI/84/2026-27 **Date: 07.04.2026**

NOTIFICATION

The Karnataka Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Limited have verified the objections received against the provisional selection list of candidates for the post of Quality Inspector and have published the Final Selection List in the KFCSC website https://kfcsc.karnataka.gov.in. on Date.07.04.2026 for the information of the candidates. For more information visit KFCSC website https://kfcsc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-
Managing Director

ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd 40-1-127,128 and129 RIBG, 4th Floor, Murali Chambers , M.G Road, Vijayawada - 520010

PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET
[See proviso to Rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable asset(s)

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Kavali Nagendra Babu (Borrower) Account No. TBNEL00006508281/ LBNEL00006537241	Sree Pottisreeramulu Nellore District, Nelloore Registration District Office , Indukurupet, Sub Registrar Nellore Municipal Corporation Area, Gudipallipadu Area, Survey No.234 , 236/1, Ac 13-84 Cents, Survey No.228, 232, 233, Ac 10.66 Cents , Total Ac.24.50 Cents Land Along With The Land Of Others, Total Land Is Divided Into Plots As Per Layout Plan By Nellore Urban Development For Housing Purpose, Flp No 3/2021 / 1031 / Nuda/ Dpms Is Approved . As Per The Layout Plan "Anjani Gardens" In 'A' Block Plots According To Survey Reports In Survey Number 234 Plot No.99 With Area 25 Ankanas or 200 Sqyds Vacant Land And Its Boundaries:- East: Plot No.100 , This Direction Measurement Is 30' -0" Feet South: In Anjani Gardens Extension Layout Plot No.20, This Direction Measurement Is 60' -0" Feet West : 12 Metres Wide Layout Road, This Direction Measurement Is 30' -0" Feet North: Plot No.98 This Direction Measurement Is 60' -0" Feet Between These Boundaries 25 Ankanas or 200 Sq.yds Vacant Land.	Rs. 23,03,459/- (As on March 31, 2026)	Rs. 16,00, 000/- / Rs. 1,60, 000/-	April 20, 2026 From 11:00 AM To 12:00 Noon	April 28, 2026 From 10:30 AM To 11:30 AM

The online auction will be conducted on the website (https://assets.matexauctions.com) of our auction agency M/s. Matex Technologies Private Limited. The Mortgagors/ Noticees are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by April 27, 2026 before 05:00 PM . else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.
The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Ltd 40-1-127,128 and129 RIBG, 4th floor, Murali chambers , M. G Road , Vijayawada- 520010 Branch on or before April 27, 2026 by 05:00 PM. Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before April 27, 2026 by 05:00 PM. along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Ltd 40-1-127,128 and129 RIBG, 4th floor, Murali chambers , M. G Road , Vijayawada- 520010 > Branch on or before April 27, 2026 by 05:00 PM Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at Vijayawada.
For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. 8008999536 / 9326713629.
Please note that Marketing Agency 1. Matex Technologies Private Limited and 2. Cardekho., have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property
The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.
For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date : April 08, 2026
Place: Bangalore

Authorized Officer,
ICICI Bank Limited

Amid speculation that former Deputy CM and Athani MLA Laxman Savadi is planning to return to BJP, Gokak MLA Ramesh Jarkiholi has hit out at him while asserting that the saffron party will never induct the former back into its fold

BJP SEEKS VOTES IN NAME OF RELIGION AND CASTE: SIDDU

● Saffron party netas do not truly believe in Basavanna's philosophy or constitutional values: CM ● Bypoll results will decide future of Cong in state: Ashoka

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bagalkot

KARNATAKA Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has launched a strong attack on the BJP, alleging that it indulges in communal politics and seeks votes in the name of religion and caste. Addressing a meeting of leaders of the Lingayat Panchamasali community as part of the campaign for Congress candidate Umesh Meti on the last day of public campaigning for the April 9 Bagalkot bypoll on Tuesday, the CM said that India is a country of diverse castes and religions and stated that the Constitution, written by Dr BR Ambedkar, provides equal opportunities to all sections of society.

He said the teachings of Basavanna promote equality and social harmony, and questioned whether a party that opposes such ideals deserves public support. He alleged that BJP leaders do not truly believe in Basavanna's philosophy or constitutional values.

Referring to former BJP CMs BS Yediyurappa, DV Sadananda Gowda, Jagadish Shettar, and Basavaraj Bommai, Siddaramaiah said none of them strove to declare Basavanna as cultural leader of the state or worked to uphold his legacy.

He claimed that the Congress government has taken steps to honour social reformers and historical figures, including issuing directives to display Basavanna's photo in government offices and celebrating the birth anniversary of Kittur Rani Chennamma. He criticised the BJP for allegedly failing to observe such occasions.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah addresses Panchamsali community leaders in Bagalkot on Tuesday | EXPRESS

Siddaramaiah also recalled the political support extended by the Panchamasali community to the Congress in the past. He said that women leaders of the community such as Veena Kashappanavar and Samyukta Patil have contested elections with the party's backing.

Speaking about the party's candidate, Siddaramaiah said Umesh Meti comes from a family with a strong connection to the people. Referring to the late MLA HY Meti, Siddaramaiah said he was known for his inclusive approach and goodwill, and that the party had given the ticket to his family in recognition of his contributions.

ECI seeks clarification on alleged MCC violation

ENS @ Bengaluru

THE Election Commission of India (ECI) has raised concerns over an alleged violation of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) during the ongoing bypolls in Karnataka. In a letter addressed to the state Chief Secretary, the commission stated that it has received information regarding the fresh sanction of financial benefits under five government schemes in the Assembly constituencies of Bagalkot and Davanagere South, where bypolls are scheduled for April 9. ECI said no new release of funds under welfare schemes is permitted during the MCC period without prior approval from it.

The commission has sought clarification and has directed the State Government to submit details of fund releases, including the names of officials who authorisd such disbursements. "If no funds have been sanctioned or released so far, the same must not be done without its prior permission" it stated.

The letter has also been marked to the Chief Electoral Officer of Karnataka.

BJP conspiring to stop guarantees: Shivakumar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Davanagere

KARNATAKA Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Tuesday stated that the BJP has written to the Election Commission of India, objecting to the release of funds for the guarantee schemes and has allegedly hatched a conspiracy to halt these schemes through the poll body. "In this way, the BJP has attacked the poor and the unemployed youth, and voters will give a befitting reply," he told reporters after campaigning for Congress' Davanagere South candidate Samarth Shamanur.

"After our government came to power, we implemented a model scheme for the country. I heard that the Prime Minister has made a statement that the guarantee schemes have not been implemented in Karnataka and that Congress has not kept its promise. Those in such high positions shouldn't lie to the people of the country. Those who criticised our programme have copied our plans in other states," Shivakumar said, claiming that the BJP had hatched a conspiracy to stop the guarantees.

"After an elaborate discussion with the officials, the dues of the Gruha Lakshmi and Yuva Nidhi schemes have been released. This month's money is pending, and it will be released after the elections. People need not worry that the guarantee schemes will be stopped," he said.

On the bypolls, the Deputy CM said the Congress took everyone into confidence and gave tickets to new faces in both constituencies. "Initially, in Davangere South, some friends and the media tried to create confusion. Some have withdrawn from the contest and strengthened the party," he said.

"Today I participated in the last day of campaigning in Davangere. The people of this area are very fortunate. This city is better than Bangalore in terms of concrete roads, parks and lakes," he said.

According to a survey, 70% of voters support Congress in Davanagere South, he added.

Deputy CM DK Shivakumar and Telangana Minister and former cricketer Azharuddin campaign for Congress in Davanagere on Tuesday

Azharuddin bats for Cong in D'gere South

G SUBHASH CHANDRA
@ Davanagere

FORMER cricketer and Telangana Minister Mohammed Azharuddin on Tuesday joined the Congress campaign in Davanagere South and urged the voters to ensure the victory of the party candidate Samarth Shamanur in the byelection.

Azharuddin, a veteran of electoral battles to Assembly and Parliament, told *The New Indian Express* that effective booth management is crucial in ensuring the Congress victory.

Azharuddin said the Siddaramaiah government has delivered on Guarantee Schemes and the Congress victory is a given in Davanagere South and Bagalkot constituencies. Congress is known for giving pro-people governance and it should again return to power in all the states of the country, he added.

Azharuddin and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar roused the crowd during the roadshow to mark the end of the public campaign. Throughout the show, Azharuddin was seen waving to an enthusiastic crowd.

The rally began with garlanding of Basavanna statue at Basaveshwara Temple in Kayipet. The rally passed through key streets such as Doddapet, Vittal Mandir Road, Madina Circle, Azad Nagar and Bashanagar. Shivakumar said the people's blessings would ensure Samarth's victory. Minister SS Mallikarjun and several other leaders participated in the roadshow.

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Fake messages being created, complaints lodged

G SUBHASH CHANDRA @ Davanagere

CONTROVERSIAL and fake messages are being spread about Congress candidate Samarth Shamanur, MP Dr Prabha Mallikarjun and district in-charge minister SS Mallikarjun on various social media sites.

In a complaint filed with Deputy Commissioner Gangadharaswamy GM, Congress Social Media Committee General Secretary H Mallikarjun Vandali alleged that Facebook IDs Karnataka Hindus, Postcard channel founder Mahesh Vikram Hegde, Swabhimani Davanagere, Young India and Ahinda Janavada -- have been sharing derogatory messages against the three and demanded criminal action against them.

The messages are personal and derogatory, which affects free and fair polling, he stated.

Taralabalu seer's message fake

A message doing the rounds in the name of Taralabalu seer Dr Shivamurthy Shivacharya Swamiji that has gone viral is said to be fake. The mutt officials have requested people not to pay heed to such messages and filed a complaint with the DC.

Seer also has clarified that the message is fake and swamiji has not given any direction to his devotees. Further he said that the mutt is far from politics.

BJP too has lodged a formal complaint with the DC demanding action against those who are spreading message in name of the Taralabalu seer.

Former Mayor ST Veeresh and BJP general secretary Veeresh Doggalli who have lodged separate complaints alleged that BJP candidate's photo is being used for spreading fake message about the elections in name of the Taralabalu seer and action should be initiated against the errant.

BJP WILL WIN D'GERE SOUTH, BAGALKOT BYPOLLS: ASHOKA

BENGALURU: Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Assembly R Ashoka has predicted that the BJP will win Davangere South and Bagalkot seats in the coming byelection. The bypoll results will decide the future of the Congress in the state, Ashoka told reporters. He said rampant corruption in government departments and poor implementation of guarantee schemes will work against the ruling Congress. There is an anti-incumbency wave across the state. After the budget presentation, taxes on various items have been increased and new taxes imposed. Youngsters have started protesting against lack of jobs, Ashoka alleged. He said no development projects are being implemented in the state and administration has come to a standstill. Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar and CM Siddaramaiah are busy fighting for the CM's gaddi. He said preparations are on for civic body elections in Bengaluru and the BJP high command will take a decision on the party's alliance with JDS.

WHERE IS ACCHE DIN, CONG'S SURJEWALA ASKS PM MODI

BENGALURU: All-India Congress Committee (AICC) General Secretary and in-charge of party affairs in Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala has said that Karnataka government, that announced guarantee schemes in the run-up to the 2023 Assembly elections, has implemented and delivered the schemes to 1.31 lakh families. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced India will have acche din, but he has failed to deliver it. Instead of acche din, people are facing price hike, unemployment and other issues. Where are the acche din?" he questioned. Taking to social media platform 'X', Surjewala said, "They (guarantees) serve as a shield protecting people from price rise caused by NDA government's misgovernance. Our schemes have empowered women with financial independence." Surjewala said for common people the only ray of hope is guarantees and not Modi's empty promises.

Delimitation will cause economic loss for South, says DK Suresh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

FORMER Bengaluru South MP and Bangalore Milk Union Limited (BAMUL) president DK Suresh has said that the delimitation of Lok Sabha and Assembly constituencies would not only reduce the number of seats for South Indian states but also lead to serious economic hardship. This is a conspiracy to funnel the south's money to the northern states, and taxes from southern states will be diverted to northern states, he said.

Speaking to media persons in Bengaluru, he said the southern states need to wake up. "The Union Government says it is carrying out delimitation based on the 2011 Census. This is even more dangerous. As per that census, Bengaluru's population was 60-70 lakh - it is now 1.4 crore. Karnataka's population was 5 crore and has now grown beyond 7 crore," he said.

On Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara's remarks on Siddaramaiah continuing as the chief minister for the next two years, the former MP said the former has made a statement, and they have to listen to what he says.

"I haven't said he will become CM today. But I have said the desire is there," he said, responding to a question about his desire to see his brother become CM.

BJP seeks action against Kharge for his 'poisonous snake' remark

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru, Hubballi

BJP leaders in Karnataka have sought action against AICC President **Mallikarjun Kharge** for his alleged provocative speech in poll-bound Assam. In a memorandum submitted to the State Police chief, the BJP leaders accused the Congress president of endangering the lives of lakhs of BJP and RSS members across the country by his alleged provocative remarks.

"Congress National President Mallikarjun Kharge, while addressing an election campaign in Assam, stated: "It is written in the Quran that if a poisonous snake is seen during namaz, it must be killed. RSS/BJP are like that poisonous snake; if you do not kill it, you will not survive." By this statement, he has allegedly incited Muslims to kill RSS/BJP members," the BJP leaders stated.

The BJP leaders stated that the potential nationwide consequences of such remarks cannot be ruled out, and his statement may encourage misguided individuals to attack RSS/BJP workers. "In Karnataka, a Congress-led government is in power, and ministers like Priyank Kharge (son of Mallikarjun Kharge) have frequently made hostile remarks against RSS. In this context, there is a possibility that anti-social elements may misuse perceived government sympathy and attack RSS/BJP workers, thereby endangering their lives. As per the Supreme Court's directive, the police are obligated to take suo motu action in such cases without waiting for formal complaints," the BJP leaders stated, demanding the immediate arrest of Kharge.

"It is particularly concerning that Kharge has justified killing by referring to the Quran, which may encourage extremist elements within the community to commit acts of violence," they added.

Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka said that for Congress leaders, terrorists look like angels and they only criticise the BJP and RSS. The people will decide who the real snakes are, he said. The Congressis full of poisonous snakes, the BJP leader said.

Joshi slams Kharge for 'illiterate' comment

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi has come down heavily on AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge for calling all Gujaratis illiterate at a poll rally in Kerala recently.

"The Congress has been reduced to zero in Uttar Pradesh, near zero in Maharashtra and also in a few other states. That means he wanted to say that people of all these states are illiterate. What is needed to understand is the mentality and behaviour of the Congress leader," he added.

Reacting to Karnataka Food and Civil Supplies Minister K H Muniyappa's allegation against the Centre over the scarcity of LPG in the state, Joshi said, "Muniyappa took part in the meeting convened by the Centre to discuss this issue where he hailed the efforts of the Centre. But, he was forced to speak against the Centre by the Congress high command."

DKS plays down leadership issue

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hubballi

DEPUTY Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Tuesday refused to react to Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara's statement that Siddaramaiah would remain as Chief Minister until 2028. The Deputy CM said that only his and Siddaramaiah's views would be relevant regarding the issue.

He, however, told reporters, "There is no need for you to create an issue out of this."

Asked whether he would become chief minister after the byelections, he said, "Time will answer everything."

The DCM said the Congress will win Davanagere South and Bagalkote byelections. "The campaign has gone very well. People are satisfied with our government's programmes," he said.

He said the BJP is mum on the price rise. The Centre has not announced any relief. "Our Five Guarantees have provided some support to the people. So, there is no problem for the party to win both seats," he added. On Union Minister Pralhad Joshi's suggestion to use petrol instead of CNG for autos he asked why the two ships carrying fuel from the Gulf were sent to Gujarat. With Keralam going to polls on Thursday, Shivakumar said the Congress-led UDF would get two-third majority. People are tired of 10 years of the LDF misrule, he said.

EXPRESS READ

Kansas proclaims April 20 as Basava Day

BENGALURU: Kansas Governor Laura Kelly has proclaimed April 20, 2026, as Basava Day in the US state of Kansas. Sateesh Kavi, representative of the Basava Group of Kansas City, said the proclamation honours the life, teachings and legacy of asavanna. "Basavanna's message of 'Work is Worship' and his commitment to breaking down social barriers remain as relevant today as they were nine centuries ago. This proclamation celebrates the contributions of the Lingayat community and the wider Indian-American diaspora to the cultural fabric of Kansas," Kavi said. ENS

'All recorded earthquakes were of shallow depth'

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THE majority of earthquakes recorded in the state fall in the micro to minor category, with magnitudes below 3.0 on the Richter scale forming the largest share each year. Events in the 3.0-3.9 range were limited, and only a few crossed magnitude 4.0 over the five-year period, with none exceeding magnitude 5.0. All recorded earthquakes were of shallow depth, less than 30 km, which typically reduces the likelihood of significant damage.

The state's seven seismological observatories, operated by the National Centre for Seismology under the National Seismological Network, are located in Bengaluru, Mangaluru, Mandya, Kodagu, Ballari, Uttara Kannada and Kalaburagi. These stations enable detection of earthquakes of magnitude 3.0 and above across the state, though the government acknowledged that spatial coverage is periodically reviewed, especially in regions like the Western Ghats.

Most parts of Karnataka fall under Seismic Zone II, denoting low risk, with parts of the coastal belt classified as Zone III (moderate risk). The government also noted that the current seismic zoning framework remains unchanged following the withdrawal of a proposed revision in March 2026.

Seismic monitoring infra must be strengthened: Prof Dr Babloo Chaudhary, Assistant Professor, Dept of Civil Engineering, NITK, Surathkal, attributed the relatively higher seismic activity in North Karnataka to a combination of factors, including hydroseismic responses during the monsoon and post-monsoon periods, as well as large-scale mining operations. He clarified that most of the recorded tremors -- being below magnitude 3.0 -- are not an immediate cause for alarm. However, he cautioned that any noticeable increase in frequency or intensity of such events warrants closer scientific investigation.

He noted that Karnataka does not lie along any major active tectonic plate boundaries, which generally limits the risk of high-magnitude earthquakes. At the same time, he emphasised that seismic events are inherently unpredictable. Citing the example of the devastating Kobe earthquake in Japan, he said that even regions considered relatively stable can experience sudden and severe shocks.

Prof Chaudhary also underscored the need to strengthen the state's seismic monitoring infrastructure. He pointed out that the existing network of seven observatories is insufficient for a comprehensive assessment of localised seismic activity, and called for the establishment of additional monitoring stations to improve data accuracy and early analysis.

Hundreds of farmers and members of Dalit organisations participated in a procession in Chikkaballapur demanding the state government ensure proper purification of KC and NH Valley water under the third phase. They alleged that the water currently being supplied, even after treatment, is not suitable for agricultural activities

B'luru woman blackmailing me for ₹3cr: Seer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vijayapura

BASAVAJAYA Mrutunjaya Swamy, a prominent seer of Panchamasali community, has filed a complaint against a Bengaluru-based woman stating that she and her associates allegedly demanded Rs 3 crore from him.

In the complaint filed with the Vijayapura Rural police, he alleged that the woman is threatening to defame him on social media platforms and on the media if the money is not paid. He claimed that they issued death threats and also threatened to file a rape case against him.

The seer said she first met him two to three years ago along with her brothers, introducing herself as a member of the Lingayat community engaged in social work through a foundation supporting poor and orphaned children. Later, she started demanding money and when refused, she resorted to blackmail and false allegations, he charged.

He claimed that on February 11, while returning from Kaggod village in Vijayapura

Basavajaya Mrutunjaya Swamy

taluk, his vehicle was allegedly blocked by the accused, who demanded money and damaged his car when he refused. The seer further alleged that defamatory content about him was circulated on certain media outlets and social media platforms, despite a restraining order obtained from a Bengaluru civil court.

He stated that one of his disciples received a phone call, demanding Rs 3 crore with threats of further defamation and legal action if the demand is not met. A case has been registered against the accused, including individuals identified as Prithvigouda, Yashwant and MD Viresh, seeking legal action. The seer alleged that some people are trying to disrupt the Panchamasali protest which he has been heading to demand 2A reservation for the community.

In a counter move, the woman reportedly filed a complaint with the Karnataka State Commission for Women in Bengaluru, alleging that the seer subjected her to physical, mental and sexual harassment. In her complaint, she accused him of blackmailing her by threatening to release her private videos on social media. The commission has reportedly written to the police department to take suitable action on the complaint.

Police barricade at Unkal bridge to prevent entry of vehicles from the wrong side | D HEMANTH

2 minors among three held for stabbing man

IN HUBBALLI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hubballi

IN a road rage incident, a man who questioned three people riding a bike on the wrong side, was stabbed by the trio in Hubballi on Monday. The victim has been identified as Yellappa, a resident of Unkal, where the incident took place.

Police have arrested the three accused, of whom two are minors who were riding pillion behind the bike rider, who is a major. All three have been sent to judicial custody.

Hubballi Dharwad police commissioner N Shashi Kumar said, after the incident the police identified the culprits, arrested them, and seized the bike. He confirmed that when Yellappa objected to the three youth on the bike entering the road side of the road, a heated argument took place which turned into a fight and ended with stabbing.

Activists have alleged that the issue of vehicles entering the wrong side is prevalent throughout the BRTS stretch. During the night, things get worse.

This issue has been brought to the notice of the police and the BRTS authorities earlier, but it still remains unresolved. "We do not support the traffic violations but at the same time projects like the BRTS can be managed in a better way by making it convenient for the road users.

On some stretches the road users have to take a longer route, and hence many are tempted to take a shortcut. Such shortcuts lead to accidents and road rage. The stretch near APMC, Unkal, Navanagar, Sattur, Shettar Colony, Toll Naka and others are always in the red zone," an activist added.

DRI busts ₹5cr international gold smuggling at KIA, 5 held

Officials said the smuggled gold was concealed in paste form inside capsule-shaped packets | EXPRESS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has busted a major international gold smuggling syndicate at Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) and seized 3.3kg of high-purity gold worth Rs 5 crore and arrested five persons.

The operation was carried out by the DRI's Bengaluru Zonal Unit on April 6 and 7 at Terminal-2 of the airport, following a tip-off from the intelligence wing. Officials intercepted the well-organised network, involving suspected Bangladeshi nationals, working in coordination with local facilitators.

Officials said the smuggled gold was concealed in paste form inside capsule-shaped packets and carried on the body. The syndicate used washrooms and smoking zones to transfer the smuggled gold to evade Customs checks.

The probe revealed that carriers arriving from abroad deliberately opted for transit routes through Bengaluru with longer layovers, enabling them to pass on the contraband to handlers inside the airport using pre-arranged passcodes. Officials also uncovered the involvement of an insider who allegedly misused authorised access to restricted areas to receive and smuggle out the gold.

The syndicate relied on encrypted communication channels, including coded messages and disappearing chats, to avoid detection.

Preliminary findings suggest that the racket is part of a larger cross-border smuggling network involving foreign operatives and domestic handlers. DRI officials said efforts are under way to identify the kingpins and dismantle the entire syndicate.

BEAT THE HEAT

As temperature hovered around 34°C in Bengaluru, a kite quenches its thirst on a hot Tuesday | KEVIN NASHON

EXPRESS READ

Elderly woman crossing highway hit by bus, dies

MANGALURU: An elderly woman who was crossing National Highway 66 at Thekkatte in Udupi was killed on the spot after a speeding KSRTC bus hit her on Monday night. The deceased is Alimabi, 62, a resident of Gandhi Nagar in Koteshwar. She was returning home after attending a wedding reception at Thekkatte. The incident happened at around 10 pm while she was crossing the highway along with a few other women. The speeding KSRTC bus heading to Badami-Aihole from Mangaluru hit her, and the woman sustained severe head injuries and died on the spot. The locals immediately shifted the body to the government hospital in Kundapur, where a post-mortem was conducted. **ENS**

Murder accused astrologer sent to police custody

SHIVAMOGGA: The Shivamogga police took astrologer Kamalakar Bhat, an accused in a murder case, into their custody for two days, on Tuesday, following a court order. Kamalakar Bhat was produced before the Shivamogga POCSO Court by the Tunga Nagar police in the morning hours. The POCSO case registered at Siddapura police station in Uttara Kannada district has been transferred to Tunganagar police station in Shivamogga based on the location of the incident. Kamalakar Bhat, an accused in the murder case of Vasant Naik of Avarguppa village in Siddapura, was brought from Karwar jail to the POCSO court in Shivamogga. **ENS**

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE VIII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH 15)

O.S. No. 2426/2000
C/w O.S. No. 2427/2000

BETWEEN : SRI. N. HARISH S/o. Late Narasaiah, Aged about 30 years, No.2, 4th Cross, Matadahalli, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore-560 032. ...PLAINTIFF

Vs.

SMT. NANJAMMA AND OTHERS ...DEFENDANTS

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT NO. 4A, 4B AND 4C UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF THE CIVIL PROCEDURE CODE

To, 4(A). SMT. SHANTHAMMA W/o. Late B. Shivanna, Major by Age, **4(B). SRI. RAJIV** W/o. Late B. Shivanna, Major by Age, **4(C). SMT. KALAVATHI** W/o. Late B. Shivanna, Major by Age, All are residing at: Thindlu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore.

Whereas the above named plaintiff instituted a Original Suit bearing No. 2426/2000 (CCH-15) against you for a relief of declaration and possession in respect of schedule property. You are hereby summoned to appear before this court in person or by a pleader **on the 27.04.2026 at 11 AM** to answer the aforesaid claim, failing which the aforesaid Original Suit will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No. 47/3B2 of Thindlu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, to an extent of 5½ guntas and bounded on:-

East by : Property of Abdul Saleem, **West by :** Private Property, **North by :** Kodigehalli - Thindlu Road, **South by :** Land belonging to Veerabhadrappa and Narayanaswamy.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 25th day of March 2026.

By order of the Court,
Senior Sheristedar,
City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate Address:
BALARAM LAW FIRM
Advocates & Solicitors
No. 30 & 31, Ground Floor, HHS Complex, Silk Exchange Building, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bangalore, Karnataka 560002.

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O.S. No. 2427/2000
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All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No. 47/3B2 of Thindlu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, to an extent of 7½ guntas and bounded on:-

East by : Kodigehalli's boundary, **West by :** Property of N. Harish, **North by :** Kodigehalli - Thindlu Road, **South by :** Land belonging to Veerabhadrappa and Narayanaswamy.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 25th day of March 2026.

By order of the Court,
Senior Sheristedar,
City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate Address:
BALARAM LAW FIRM
Advocates & Solicitors
No. 30 & 31, Ground Floor, HHS Complex, Silk Exchange Building, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bangalore, Karnataka 560002.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public are hereby informed that, my client **GUNDALA SRAVANA LAKSHMI,** represented by her GPA holder Smt. Satyavathi Gundala, No:606A, 2nd Floor, 5th Main, Opp Park, Yellukunte, Bangalore South- 560 068, has lost the original Sale Deed dated 06.09.2003 bearing Document No: **6603/2003-04** of Book I, and stored in CD No:39/03-04 registered in the office of the Sub-registrar, Anekal, Bangalore Urban District, pertaining to the title of the property bearing Khatha No:264, Assessment No:208, Site No:215/A, situated at Kudlu Villatge, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring 1200sft., My client has lodged a Complaint with the jurisdictional Police Station on 06.04.2026. If anybody found, be sent to my following address.

B. SUBRAYA KHARVI, Advocate
No: 231, 11th Main, 37th Cross, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

My client is negotiating to purchase the schedule mentioned immovable property from its owners Smt. Padma M., W/o. Sri.Venugopal Rao, for a valuable sale consideration amount.

The aforesaid Smt. Padma M., has represented to my client that she is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property, having a clear, marketable and absolute right, title, interest and possession over the Schedule Property. She has further represented that the Schedule Property is free from all or any kind of charges, claims, encumbrances, Court Attachments, Injunctions, Minor claims, or any sort of claims of whatsoever nature and there are no subsisting sale agreements or contracts binding the said Smt. Padma M., or over the Schedule Property and there is no hindrance, impediment or obstacle for the proposed sale transaction in respect of the Schedule Property in favour of my client.

Any person/persons claiming to have any sort of right, title, claim, interest, lien, agreement or charge over the Schedule Property or any part thereof or any other claims or objections for the proposed sale transaction, may lodge their objections/claims along with supporting documents with the undersigned within 10 days from the date of publication of this public notice.

If no such objections/claims are received within the prescribed time, my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction and if any objections or claims is lodged beyond the prescribed period to time, it shall not be reckoned and it shall be deemed that all objections and claims by whosoever are waived.

:SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being a vacant site bearing Municipal No.10/643, situated at Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, N.G.E.F. Layout, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, with Khatha No.593, with New EPID No.7441824151, measuring East to West: 40' feet and North to South: 60' feet, totally measuring an extent of 2,400 Sq. feet and bounded on the: East by: Site No.11, West by: Site No.146, North by: Road, South by: Site No.39.

Bengaluru Date:07.04.2026
H.S. Somnath
Advocate, No.GF-4, Ground Floor, "Sampurna Chambers", No.13, Vasavi Temple Road, V.V.Puram, Bengaluru-560 004
Mob: +91 98452 76908

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KOTA SUPER THERMAL POWER STATION, Kota-324008

E-TENDER NOTICE : TN-5546 (RVU2627WSOB00043)

E-Tenders are invited for Assistance in operation in Turbine, Seal Oil & CA area, poking and hammering of coal bunkers, HT/LT Switchgear, electrical activity & other misc. work anywhere in plant of stage-I to V at KSTPS, Kota. Tender details are available on http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in (for e-tender), www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvunl & www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.

Raj.Samwad/C/26/358 RVUN/PR-4374 Chief Engineer (KSTPS)

STATE BANK OF INDIA
HOME LOAN CENTRE, BANASWADI
#253, "Dolphin Mansion", Near Bus Depot, 1st Main Road, HBR Layout, 2nd Block, State -1, Hennur Gardens, Bengaluru -560043
TEL No: 080 -25943790/91, FAX No: 080 -25943793,
Email Id: sbi.15628@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE
Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

File No. GWR/70428/HL/815 A/c No. HTL 67099508002

WHEREAS, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **State Bank of India** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **22.12.2025.** As some of the envelopes containing the said notice addressed to guarantors/mortgagers were returned unserved/ not acknowledged, the same was published in **"The New Indian Express" and "Samyuktha Karnataka"** daily News Papers on **29.01.2026** calling upon the Borrowers/Mortgagors,**(1) Dr. Surekha Manjunath,W/o Sri Manjunath, (2) Sri Majunath, S/o Sri Mallikarjun,** both are residing at:No.11, 15th Cross, Bhuvaneswari Nagar, Hebbal, Bengaluru – 560024 **Also At:** Flat No.104, First Floor, "AKASH TARANG" Apartments, Site No2, Kempapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru – North Taluk.to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.7,39,878/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Eight Only) as on 15.12.2025**+ interest from **16.12.2025**+ incidental expenseswithin 60 days from the date of the said notice/paper publication.

The Borrowers/Mortgagors having failed to repay the amount in full as mentioned in the Demand Notice, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/ Mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on **06.04.2026.**

The Borrowers/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the below mentioned property and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India** for an amount of **Rs 7,61,487/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Sixty One Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Seven Only) as on 02.04.2026** and interest from **03.04.2026**+ expenses thereon.

The Borrower/Mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

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SCHEDULE – 'A' PROPERTY:(DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTIRE PROPERTY): All that piece and parcel of property bearing No. 52, CMC KHATA No. 281.Presently the Schedule Property falls within the jurisdiction of BBMP vide BBMP Khata No. 224/281/52, situated at Kempapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 56 feet, in all measuring 2240 square feet and the same is bounded on: East by: Property No.53, West by : Property No.51, North by : Road and South by : Private property.

MORTGAGED PROPERTY : SCHEDULE – 'B' PROPERTY: (UNDIVIDED SHARE HEREBY CONVEYED):14.37% undivided right, title and interest in the SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY corresponding to the apartment No. 104 measuring 322 square feet.

SCHEDULE – 'C' PROPERTY: (DESCRIPTION OF UNIT/APARTMENT CONVEYED TO THE PURCHASERS) : Apartment No.104 on the First Floor (Front Portion) of the building known as **"Akash Tarang"**, constructed on the SCHEDULE - 'A' PROPERTY having super built up area of 959 square feet, consisting of two bed room, along with one covered car parking. It has RCC roof, solid cement block walls and vitrified flooring in living, dining and bed rooms and kota stones slabs in lobby and proportionate share in the common areas such as passage, staircase etc., powder coated aluminum windows, teak wood frames with solid teak veneered flush doors and provided with water, electricity and sanitary connections. The said Flat standing in the joint names of **(1) Shri Manjunath Mallikarjun S/o Shri B Mallikarjun and (2) Dr. Surekha M, W/o Sri Manjunath Mallikarjun**, vide Sale Deed dated 25.03.2010 and Registered as Document No.BYP-1-04847/2009-10 and CD No.BYPD45 dated 25.03.2010 at SRO, Byatarayanapura, Bangalore

Place: Bengaluru, Date : 06.04.2026

Sd/-
Authorised Officer & Chief Manager

RAIL WHEEL FACTORY
Yelahanka, BANGALORE - 560 064
Website: www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in

CORRIGENDUM No.1 Dated: 06.04.2026 to TENDER NOTICE No.RWF/S/146/2025-26/15 Dated: 18.03.2026

The following Revision is made to the Total amount to be remitted towards EARNEST MONEY Deposit. All other details of the following tenders Published under TENDER NOTICE NO.RWF/S/146/2025-26/15 Dated: 18.03.2026 remains unaltered.

Tender Details: 1) RWFSTPT_CA_2ndslab_3700MT(Open Tender) Closing Date/Time 22.04.2026 at 14:15 Hrs. **Exisiting Value (Earnest Money Deposit):** Rs.2,17,700-00. **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Amount Revised to read as :** Rs.2,70,900-00. **2)** RWFSTPT_ CWD 2ndslab_8500MT (Open Tender). Closing Date/Time 22.04.2026 at 14:15 Hrs. **Exisiting Value (Earnest Money Deposit):** Rs.3,03,900-00. **Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Amount Revised to read as :** Rs.6,15,400-00.

Principal Chief Materials Manager

Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation Limited (KUIDFC)
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Nagarabhivruddi Bhavan, #22, 17th 'F' Cross, Old Madras Road, Indira Nagar 2nd Stage, Near BMTC Bus Depot, Bengaluru – 560 038
Website: www.kuidfc.com e-Mail: info@kuidfc.com

KUIDFC/Admn/HKP/Tenders/CR-291/2026-27 Date: 04.04.2026

Short-term e-Tender Notification

KUIDFC Bengaluru invites tenders for hiring **Housekeeping cum office attenders, gardeners service for a period of 2 years** from the reputed manpower supplying Agency/Firm. The tender document will be available on e-Procurement portal of GoK (i.e., **https://kppp.Karnataka.gov.in**) from **08.04.2026** to **22.04.2026** up to **17.30 hrs**. The bidders can upload the proposals only through e-Procurement portal. For any further notification please refer e-Procurement portal.

DIPR/CP/MIA/75/2026-27 Sd/- **General Manager (Admn)**

MAHATRANSCO
Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER CPD/01/2026-27

Tenders are invited through e-Tendering in SRM Two Bid system from the registered vendors for Supply of following:

Tender No. & Description of Material	Estimated Amount (in Rs. Lakhs) / Tender Fee (in Rs.)	Due Date & Time (Hrs.) for Submission & Opening of Tender
SP/T-0616/0426 RFX No 7000039499 [3rd Call] (Two Bid System) for Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Nagpur islanding scheme under EHV O&M Zone, Nagpur and ALDC Ambazari in MSETCL.	Rs.2459.33 Lakhs / 25,000.00	21.04.2026 18:00 Hrs / 21.04.2026 18.15 Hrs

Contact Person: Office of the Executive Engineer (Gr-VI)
CPA, C.O. MSETCL, 1st Floor, Prakashgad Building, Bandra (E), Mumbai
Tel. No.:022-69852712/022-69852720
Email id: cecpa@mahatransco.in, ceaci@mahatransco.in, secpa@mahatransco.in, eepc@mahatransco.in, eegrp6@mahatransco.in, dyeegrp6@mahatransco.in
For further details visit our website https://srmetender.mahatransco.in/
Any further amendments/clarifications will be published on the MSETCL website **www.mahatransco.in** & **https://srmetender.mahatransco.in/** . Bidders are therefore requested to check these websites for further updates. Sd/- **Executive Engineer (P&C)**

GREATER BENGALURU AUTHORITY
Office of the Deputy Chief Information Officer - IT Section, Annexure 2 Building, GBA Head Office, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560002. Ph: 9480688000, Email: dcio-it@bbmp.gov.in

No. GBA/2026-27/IND0027 Date: 07-04-2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Deputy Chief Information Officer - IT, GBA Department on behalf of Chief Commissioner, GBA invites tender through KPP Portal from eligible companies for **Provision of Call Center Services for eKhata Citizen Helpdesk for Greater Bengaluru Authority.** EMD Amount: **Rs. 3,00,000/-.**

Calendar of Events: **(1)** Bid documents may be downloaded from KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 07.04.2026.** **(2)** Date of Pre-bid meeting : **16.04.2026 at 4.00 pm in the Office of the Special Commissioner (Revenue and IT), Annexure-1, 1st Floor, GBA Head Office, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560002.** **(3)** Last date for submitting clarification if any : **15.04.2026 at 3.00 pm.** **(4)** Last date for uploading of tender : **27.04.2026 upto 5.00 pm.** **(5)** Date and time of opening of tenders (Technical Bid & Technical evaluation): **28.04.2026 at 5.10 pm.** **(6)** Date and time of opening of tenders (Commercial bid) if possible : **Immediately after Technical Bid Evaluation.** **(7)** Contact person for queries & Place of opening of Tenders: **At the above mentioned office.**

Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or from KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Deputy Chief Information Officer - IT GBA, Bengaluru

ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸಮಿತಿ, ಧಾರವಾಡ
ಮುರುಘಾಮಠದ ಹತ್ತಿರ, ಸವದತ್ತಿ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಧಾರವಾಡ–580 008.
ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆ–1947 ಇ–ಮೇಲ್: apmcdharwad@rediffmail.com ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 0836–2448157, 2970324

ಸಂ:ಕೃಮಾಇ:ಕೃಉಮಾಸ(ಧಾ):07 :2026–27 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 06–04–2026

ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸಮಿತಿ, ಧಾರವಾಡ ವತಿಯಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ **https://kppp.Karnataka.gov.in** ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22/04/2026** ಆಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ನಿಯಮ ಹಾಗೂ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ **https://kppp.Karnataka.gov.in** ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮತ್ತು ಕಚೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

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1	ದಿನಾಂಕ: 25/03/2026 ರ ಕೃಉಮಾಸ(ಧಾ) :ಟೆಂ.ಪ್ರ; 954 : 2025–26	APMC/2025-26 / WO / WORK_INDENT_916 (ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗ)	ರೂ. 54,13,212–00
2	ದಿನಾಂಕ: 25/03/2026 ರ ಕೃಉಮಾಸ(ಧಾ) :ಟೆಂ.ಪ್ರ; 953 : 2025–26	APMC/2025-26 / WO / WORK_INDENT_915 (ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗ)	ರೂ. 9,16,488–00
3	ದಿನಾಂಕ: 25/03/2026 ರ ಕೃಉಮಾಸ(ಧಾ) : ಟೆಂ.ಪ್ರ; 952 : 2025–26	APMC/2025-26 / SE0835	ರೂ. 17,24,396–96

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ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ(ಪ್ರ),
ಕೃ. ಉ. ಮಾ. ಸ., ಧಾರವಾಡ

ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಇ./ಧಾರವಾಡ/31/2026–27/ದೇಶಪಾಂಡೆಪಬ್ಲಿಸಿಟಿ

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Harihar MLA BP Harish on Tuesday objected to the resolution passed by the Akhil Bharath Veerashaiva Mahasabha to support Congress candidate Samarth Shamanur in the Davangere South by-election. Harish alleged that Mahasabha Chairman and Minister of Forest, Ecology and Environment Eshwar Khandre held a meeting of the Veerashaiva community and fed false information to the people of Davangere

ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY AUDIT MANDATORY: GOVT

Hospitals must post data on Reproductive and Child Health platform

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

WITH pregnancies among girls aged 10-18 years associated with increased risks of maternal complications, adverse birth outcomes, school dropouts and social vulnerability, the Karnataka health department on Tuesday ordered a mandatory audit for adolescent pregnancy cases.

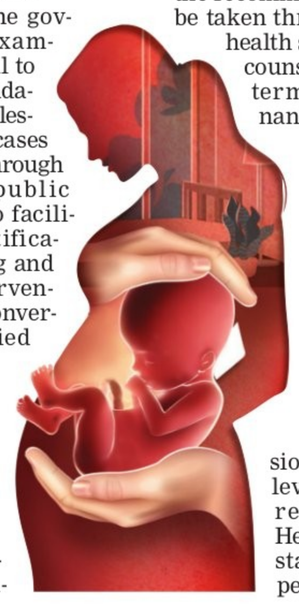
All identified adolescent pregnancies should be mandatorily reported by all government and private health establishments on the Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) platform, according to the government order dated April 7.

It said the audit is aimed at checking the age at marriage, educational status, school attendance, awareness on reproductive health, access to contraception and counselling services, socio-economic and family vulnerabilities and linkages with health programmes such as Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK) and Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS).

"According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), 50% of adolescent pregnancies are unintended. The National Health Mission (NHM) and RKSK emphasise strengthening adolescent health services through counselling, awareness and access to reproductive health services.

However, the occurrence of teenage pregnancies indicates the need for a systematic mechanism to review such cases to identify determinants such as early marriage, education discontinuation, social vulnerability and gaps in service delivery," said the order issued by Pradeep Kumar BS, under secretary of the health and family welfare department.

Kumar said the government has examined the proposal to introduce a mandatory audit for adolescent pregnancy cases across the state through the existing public health system to facilitate early identification, counselling and preventive interventions through convergence with allied departments.



The committee will be headed by the taluk-level health officer, who will be the chairperson. The medical officer of the primary health centre will be the member secretary. The panel will also have a health inspector, an ASHA supervisor, an anganwadi supervisor and a school representative (wherever applicable).

Further, counselling services through counsellors and Sneha Centre, provision of contraceptive services and pregnancy testing kits, identification and mapping of vulnerable adolescent girls, including school dropouts, migrants and socially vulnerable households, are the recommended measures to be taken through the existing health system, along with counselling for medical termination of pregnancy (MTP).

The district health officer (DHO) at the district level and the deputy director at the state level are responsible for monitoring of the audit as well as implementation of other directions.

Deputy commissioners at the district level and mission director, National Health Mission at the state level will hold periodic reviews.

SOPs for vets, management of zoos soon

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

TO ensure the safety of zoo keepers, veterinarians and animals, proper training and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) should be in place for all zoos.

This was one of the observations made at a meeting of representatives of zoo managements of Karnataka, heads of the forest department and officials of the Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) held recently.

The officials were instructed to look for the best practices in zoos of other states and get details of operations from the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) on management methods.

The officials from ZAK pointed out that there are no SOPs or guidelines by CZA for them to follow. Thus, there is no one standard method of operation for all zoos in the state. The management and operation of each zoo varies from other. It depends on each zoo's management team, the officials said.

The meeting was held following the death of Sameeksha Reddy, 27, veterinarian, Shivamogga zoo. Sameeksha died after she was attacked by a pregnant hippopotamus in the zoo.

During the meeting, the need for adequate training for veterinarians was discussed. It was noted that though students have veterinary wildlife health management and healthcare as a subject and those from Bengaluru and Bidar veterinary colleges undergo hands-on training during their internship, the zoo heads said, they were not enough. All veterinary students should be trained and training programmes should be intense.

It was pointed out that senior veterinarians should constantly supervise the new recruits. The zoo management and senior veterinarians are responsible for new recruits and students' safety, communication and coordination. Details of instructions and jobs done should be maintained in log books. Introduction of technology to handle cages and works of employees were also discussed at the meeting.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Kumar Pushkar, who chaired the meeting, said it was held to take inputs for creation of the state's first SOPs for effective management of zoos.

He said there is a need for protocols and procedures for staff to deal with animals. This is important for the safety of animal keepers, veterinarians and animals.

He said there is also a need to ensure that daily work is accounted for. Coordination and communication are crucial. There should be proper communication between animal keepers, supervisors, deputy directors, executive directors and forest officials, he added.

POLICE NAB MAN ACCUSED OF KILLING WOMAN TEACHER

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Kalaburagi

THE police detained a man accused of killing a woman government school teacher and burning her body near Kalmod village under Kamalapaur police limits of Kalaburagi.

The police identified the victim as **Jyoti Kapale** (57), a resident of Anandnagar in Kalaburagi city, and a teacher at the Government Higher Primary School in Vanjarkheda village in Bhalki taluk. She went missing on April 3 and her body was found near Kalmod village on April 4.

Following investigation, the police took into custody Amar Mallappa Kudalli of Bhunyara village in Chincholi taluk.

The police said Kudalli earlier ran a Nandini parlor near Anandnagar in Kalaburagi and often went to Jyoti's house to deliver milk. He had approximately borrowed Rs 14 lakh from her, and recently they clashed over returning the money. An enraged Kudalli hatched a plot to murder Jyoti. On April 3, he took Jyoti in a car, murdered her and burnt her body near Kalmod village to destroy evidence.

BJP seeks probe into trekker missing case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Madikeri

BJP has urged police to conduct a detailed investigation into the recent missing case of a woman trekker at Tadiandamol, raising questions over the circumstances surrounding her disappearance and subsequent rescue. A delegation led by district BJP Rural Mandal General Secretary P Danoj submitted a formal complaint to the Napoklu police on Tuesday.

According to BJP leaders, the sequence of events has raised several concerns. Despite a large-scale search involving over 100 rescuers for three days, Sharanya was located only on the fourth day inside the forest. The complainants have questioned how she managed to survive in dense forest conditions for such a duration.

The BJP workers have also flagged her "nonchalant behaviour" following her rescue and called for a thorough inquiry to establish the facts. In their complaint, they stated that if any wrongdoing or deliberate misrepresentation is established, appropriate legal action should be taken.

Danoj pointed out the challenges of surviving in a dense forest terrain for multiple days without food or assistance, and called for clarity from authorities. He also alluded to broader security concerns in forested regions, urging officials to rule out all possibilities through a transparent probe.

Another BJP member, Ambi Cariappa, termed the incident questionable and expressed concern over its potential impact on Kodagu's image as a tourist destination. Napoklu Police Inspector Raghavendra assured the delegation that the matter would be examined.

As many as 35 electric scooters were distributed to newspaper delivery agents by the Basavanagudi Newspaper (Gandhi Bazaar) Agents Association on Sunday. Basavanagudi JDS leader Thimmegowda and others were present.

BJP, Cong playing politics over 'love jihad' claim in Hubballi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hubballi

IT appears that politics is being played by both the BJP and the Congress party over the alleged 'love jihad' claim by the pro-Hindu organisations. While BJP leaders are lining up to meet the victim in the case, the Congress has been dubbing the entire incident the "toolkit" of the BJP ahead of the state bypolls.

Last week, an incident came to light in which allegations were made against a gymnasium owner, Sameer Mulla, of sexually exploiting a Hindu girl and threatening her family members. As her community members got involved in the case, the issue turned communal, and allegations of 'love jihad' started surfacing. On the other hand, the family of the accused has accused the community members of abducting and thrashing Mulla. Both sides have filed complaints and counter-complaints with the police who are investigating all angles.

Meanwhile, the issue took a political, as well as communal turn when political leaders started visiting the family members of the victim. Since the latter belonged to the community which always stood firmly behind the BJP, it was obvious for the latter to stand with the community.

Congress leaders charged the BJP with playing communal politics over a case still to be investigated. Congress District Women's Wing president Gouramma Balogi charged that such allegations by the BJP have exposed the true face of forces that sow hatred in society and disturb peace. Calling this politically motivated, she said, it was an old tactic of the BJP. She also cautioned that the party would not allow Hubballi to become a laboratory of hatred.

Koraga tribals earn steady income by exporting wild honey to Gulf

DIVYA CUTINHO @ Mangaluru

THE Koraga tribal families in Sullia taluk of Dakshina Kannada district are making a self-reliant livelihood by selling organic wild honey collected from forest areas. This honey, under the brand name 'Prakruthi', is making its way to markets in the Gulf region.

Women package the wild honey procured by Koraga tribals

The wild honey is sourced from dense forests in Aranthodu, Panja and Kollamogaru villages by the 9 Koraga families using sustainable harvesting techniques, including smoke to move the bees. The tribals ensure that the bees are not killed while harvesting and their hives are rebuilt.

Pushpa, a Koraga community woman said, "We walk into the deep forest to collect the honey from natural hives. There are challenges in collecting the honey as we have to climb tall trees and this is our occupation passed on by our elders. It is highly skilled work to climb trees that are more than 50 feet high. Earlier there were no takers for the wild honey but with the support of the VDVK since its establishment in 2023, we are earning a steady income. This is a pure, unadulterated honey and we are getting continuous orders from the customers," she said.

These tribals are supported through Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVK) under the Pradhana Mantri Van Dhan Vikas Yojana (PMVDVK) to market the minor forest produce such as the wild honey which is in high demand and it is being purchased by global customers from Kuwait, Dubai and also across Karnataka.

Mary S, Sullia block manager of VDVK, said nine families are involved in wild honey procurement and at present they have over one quintal stock but export to gulf countries though at minor scale is affected due to ongoing West Asia crisis.

"We have already sold upto 60kg of wild honey to Kuwait and Dubai so far and we charge Rs 1,250 per kg. We have a stock of more than one quintal of wild honey collected by the tribals which is stored in cans and later filled into hygienic glass jars. The honey is certified by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India," Mary said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is intending to purchase the schedule property from **Smt. JAYALAKSHMI. B,** W/o. Sri. Late.Chikka Byrappa, AADHAR No. 7198 2317 6675, **2. Smt.VARALAKSHMI. B,** D/o. Sri. Late.Chikka Byrappa, AADHAR No. 8403 4209 4812, **3. Sri.DEVIPRASAD. B,** S/o. Sri. Late.Chikka Byrappa AADHAR No. 8436 5860 4302, **4. Smt. INDIRA. K,** W/o. Sri. Deviprasad, AADHAR No. 3518 0976 8240, and **5. Sri.GANESH PRASAD,** S/o. Sri. Late. Chikka Byrappa, AADHAR No. 7561 3966 7847, All are Residing at No.25/B, Vasanthapura Main Road, Konanakunte, Bangalore-560062.

Any person/banking institutions/company, etc., has got any sort of legal right, claim, interest over the schedule property or having any sort of objection for the said sale transaction, shall approach the under mentioned Advocate within **7 days** from this day, with documentary evidence, failing which my client shall proceed further in accordance with the terms of the agreement to sell considering there is no objection to the said sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY.

ITEM NO.1

All that piece and parcel of converted immovable property bearing **Sy. No. 17/1,** measuring 0-25 Guntas, Situated at **Ballagere Village, Maralavadi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Bengaluru south District:**

AND BOUNDED ON:

East by : Land in Sy No. 16/4, **West by :** Land in Sy No. 95/7, **North by :** Land in Sy No. 17/2, **South by :** Land in Sy No. 18/2

ITEM NO.II

All that piece and parcel of converted immovable property bearing **Sy. No. 17/2,** measuring 2-00 Acres, Situated at **Ballagere Village, Maralavadi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Bengaluru south District:**

AND BOUNDED ON:

East by : Land in Sy No. 16/3, 16/4 and 16/6. **West by :** Land in Sy No. 95/2, 95/3, 95/4, 95/5 and 95/6, **North by :** Land in Sy No. 17/3, 17/10, 17/11, **South by :** Land in Sy No. 17/1.

ITEM NO.III

All that piece and parcel of converted immovable property bearing **Sy. No. 95/6,** measuring 0-13 guntas, Situated at **Ballagere Village, Maralavadi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Bengaluru south District:**

AND BOUNDED ON:

East by : Land in Sy No. 17/2. **West by :** Land in Sy No. 93, **North by :** Land in Sy No. 95/5. **South by :** Land in Sy No. 95/7.

N.S. SHIVASHANKAR, Advocate
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26th Cross, Behind BWSSB Office,
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Poorna Prajna Nagar, Bengaluru-560061.
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IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE 11th ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-8)
P & SC. No.159/2026

BETWEEN: 1. Abhishek Kunthanahalli Jayaramu, Son of Late Mr. Kunthanahalli Gopalaiah Jayaramu, aged about 30 years, R/at No.4 MPM Park Road Near AIT College, MPM Jantha Colony, VTC Bangalore South-560056. Nationality: Indian, Passport No.: AK224555 Aadhaar No.: 321961961737. **2. Ms. Rukmini Eriah,** Wife of Late Mr. Kunthanahalli Gopalaiah Jayaramu, aged 53 about years, **Address No.04, MPM park road,** Near AIT College, MPM layout, Jantha Colony, VTC Bangalore South-560056. Nationality: Indian, Aadhaar No.795201781213, **3. Mr. Vinod Kumar Singh KJ,** Son of Late Mr.Kunthanahalli Gopalaiah Jayaramu, aged about 39 years, Address No.4 MPM Park Road, Near AIT College, MPM Layout Jantha Colony, VTC Bangalore South-560056. Nationality: Indian Aadhaar No.: 463096180623, **4. Ms. Priyadarshini Jayaram K.J,** D/o Late Mr.Kunthanahalli Gopalaiah Jayaramu, aged about 37 years, Address No.4 MPM Park Road, Near AIT College, MPM Layout, Janatha Colony VTC, Bangalore South-560056. Nationality: Indian Aadhaar No: 230657290887. **5. Ms. Ashwini .K.J,** D/of Late Mr Kunthanahalli Gopalaiah Jayaramu, Aged about 38 years, Address KG No.4 MPM Park Road, Janatha Colony Near AIT College, MPM Layout VTC Bangalore South-560056. Aadhaar No: 631401322463.

The Petitioners No.2 to 5 are represented by Their GPA Holder 1st Petitioners herein. ... **PETITIONERS**

AND: NIL ... RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a petition has been made to this court under Section 372 and 373 of Indian Succession Act for issue of Succession Certificate in favour of the petitioners in respect of the schedule mentioned below which was held by deceased Kunthanahalli Gopalaiah Jayaramu who expired on 27.08.2020.

Any person/s who have any objection for the same are hereby called to appear in this court in person or by pleader duly instructed on **27-04-2026** at 11:00 A.M forenoon to show cause against the petitioners. Failing which upon non appearance, the matter will be heard and decided as no objection.

SCHEDULE

All the death benefits and other monetary benefits of the petitioner's deceased late Sri. Kunthanahalli Gopalaiah Jayaramu S/o late R. Gopalaiah vide HSBC bank, International bank Account No.IBAN-AE950200000786-555545556, Dubai United Arab Emirates (AE)

Given under my hand and the seal of this Hon'ble court on 07-04-2026

By order of the court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court at Bangalore.

A.C.SATHISHA, Advocate
No. 39/2, Basement, Chamber No.3, ASVNV Bhavan, KG Road, Bangalore-560 009.
Mob: 9845490849

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client Mr. Manzur Mahmood is the sole and absolute owner of the Flat No. 102, on the First Floor of the multistoried building known as "HOLKAR HALL" No.24, Madras Sappers Officers Colony, Banaswadi Road, Bengaluru, measuring 2095 sq. ft.(SBA) together with a 1020/6800th undivided share in the land, having purchased the said Flat, under a Deed of Sale dated 22nd November 1999, and registered as document No. 2902/1999-2000, Book I, in the Office of the Sub Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru.

The said original Sale Deed dated 22nd November 1999 has been misplaced or lost. Any person having any claim on the said Flat, he/she/they shall intimate the same in writing with documentary evidence to the undersigned within ten days of the publication of this notice, after which date no claims will be entertained.

M/s. Da Costa & Da Costa,
Advocates, Tax Consultants & Notary,
No.403, 4th Floor, Prestige Meridian 2,
Nos.30 – 31 Mahatma Gandhi Road,
BENGALURU 560 001

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that, I Sri. Vasudev Holla S/o Late Ramachandra Holla, has lost a cover containing the **1]** Original registered Sale Deed dated 28.09.2001 bearing document No. 8958/2001-02, Book No.1, Volume No. 337, Page No's. 135-139 registered before the Sub-registrar of Additional District Registrar, Bangalore Urban District executed by BDA in favor of Mr. B Shankar S/o Channabasaiah, **2]** Original registered Sale Deed dated 28.03.2002 bearing document No. 20949/2001-02, Book No.1, Stored in CD No.65 registered before the Sub-registrar of Senior Sub Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk executed by Mr. B Shankar in favor of Mr. K.N. Ganapathi & Smt. Arathi Mahishi and **3]** Original registered Sale Deed dated 02.02.2026 bearing document No. NGB-1-06641/2025-26, Book No.1, registered before the Sub-registrar of Sub Registrar Rajajinagara (Nagarabhavi), Bengaluru executed by Mr. K.N. Ganapathi & Smt. Arathi Mahishi in favor of Mr. Vasudev Holla pertaining to BDA property bearing No.187, E-Khata No.187/165/187, PID No.9867557257, situated at Nagarbhavi II stage, 3rd Block, Nagarabhavi, Kotigepalya Ward No.73, measuring 12.192 meters and North to South 9.144 meters totally measuring 111.48 Sq meters got lost/misplaced while shifting the house. All efforts to trace the above said documents went futile, hence I request the general public whomsoever has/have got in possession and/or finder of the above said documents, may deliver the same to the address mentioned hereunder within FIFTEEN DAYS from the date of receipt of this publication. The finder will be suitably rewarded.

Sri. Vasudev Holla
R/a No. G-03, Vaibhav Meadows,
No.3,4,7,8, I A Main, I Block, Nagarabhavi II Stage
Bengaluru-560 027. Mobile : 9901166899
Dated : 07.04.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is informed that, **Mrs. Gangalakshmi.K.N W/o Mr.Rajakumar.C,** has lost original property document i.e., registered Gift Deed dated 16.02.2012, executed by Mr.P.Rajagopalachari in favour of Mrs.S.Rajalakshmi, registered as document No.DBP-1-08797-2011-12, in Book-1, Stored in C.D.No.DBPD264, in the Office of the SRO-Doddaballapura, pertaining to property bearing Site No.13, Present PID No.1-6-623-126, Property Old No.4800/498/2017/VS-13 and Assessment No.4800/498/2017/VS-13, Present Dhakle No.24334674 (Old Dhakle No.2516247), Situated at Subhashnagar, Ward No.1 of Doddaballapura City, Bangalore Rural District, Measuring East to West: 9.14 Meter and North to South: 12.19 Meter, in all totally measuring 111.48 Square Meter or 1200 Square Feet. A Complaint is lodged in Crime Branch Bengaluru Rural Police on dated 07.04.2026 Lost Report No.2143221/2026. Finders may return the same to the above said Police Station or contact at the below address **within 07 days** from this publication.

Mr. Prashanth.Kumar.K . BA LLB,
"LEX FACTUM",
Advocates and Legal Consultants,
No.690, 2nd Floor, 36th Cross, 11th Main Road,
Rajajinagar 2nd Block, Bangalore-560 010

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri. Kariyappa, S/o Huchappa, intends to buy a property out of residential layout in KLIX NAGAR, site bearing No. 20, Katha No. **409/20,** New No. **3393/1747/1/409/20** having the description of the same is more fully given in the schedule hereunder and same will be referred as schedule property. It is hereby requested if anybody has any claim / objection in proceeding with the sale transaction, same may be lodged within 7 days with their written objection with the relevant documents of the scheduled property to prove their claims, if any to the undersigned, failing which it is deemed that there is no objection in buying the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential vacant site bearing No. 20, Katha No. **409/20,** New No. **3393/1747/1/409/20** measuring East to West **40 feet,** North to South **30 feet** totally measuring **1200 Sq. feet,** formed out of residential layout **KILX NAGAR** formed in converted land bearing Survey No. 407/1A, 409/2, 408/2,408/1, 408/2, 408/3 and 409/1 which is situated at KLIX NAGAR, Budigere Road, 22nd Ward, 4th Division, Devanahalli Town, Bengaluru Rural District and bounded on: East by : Site No. 27; West by: Road; North by:Site No. 21; South by: Site No. 19.

SHYAM SUNDAR N,
ADVOCATE
No. 46/2, 2nd Cross, Agrahara Dasarahalli,
Bangalore -560079. Ph: (O): 8310964817
Mobile: 7204626423
E-mail: advssn0705@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my client **Smt. Narayanamma and another** have filed the above petition for the death certificate of **Sri. Channappa S/o Venkatarayappa was died on 21/06/1982** at Kanivepura Village, Tubugere Hobali, Doddaballapura Taluk If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Additional Civil Judge and J.M.F.C. at Doddaballapura and the date of hearing **on 11.5.2026 at 11.00 A.M. in C. Mis No.64/2026**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer Prl. Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Doddaballapura
Manjunatah .K., Advocate

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER, NEW PUBLIC OFFICES, NRUPATUNGA ROAD, BANGALORE-560 001, Mobile : 9448999424
WEBSITE : (http://www.schooleducation.kar.nic.in)

No:DPI-CPI0PLN5/STT/2025-26 **Dated : 07/04/2026**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Office of the Commissioner, Department of School Education, Bengaluru invites short term tender for the **supply of three and four seater desk-benches** to the Government Schools in the state of Karnataka.

1	Tender Reference No.	**DPI/2026-27/IND0662**
2	Date of Commencement of Download of Tender Document from Karnataka Public Procurement Portal website **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**	**07/04/2026 onwards**
3	Date, Time & Venue of Pre-bid Meeting	**13/04/2026 11:00 am** at the following venue: Meeting hall, Office of Commissioner, School Education, First floor, New public office Building, Nrupatunga road, K.R. Circle, Bengaluru.
4	Last Date and Time for uploading Online Queries in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal	**13/04/2026 5:00 pm**
5	Last Date and Time for uploading of eTender in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal	**23/04/2026 5:00 pm**
6	Date and Time of Online Opening of Technical Bids in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal	**24/04/2026 5:10 pm**
7	Last Date and Time for submission of Sample Desks and demonstration	**24/04/2026 5:30 pm**
8	Address for Communication	Office of the Commissioner, School Education, Department of School Education, New Public Offices, Nrupatunga Road, Bangalore-560001,Email:ddpiplanning@gmail.com, Contact: 9448999424

Note: 1) Completed tenders shall be uploaded through e-tendering system by the Tenderers using their User ID on or before the last date & time stipulated.
2) In the event of the specified date of opening of Technical Bid (First Cover) being declared a holiday for the Purchaser, the Technical Bid will be opened on the next working day.

Sd/-
DDPI(PLANNING)

DIPR/CP/JA/103/2026-27

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client M/s SAI DWARAKA GARDENIAA, intends to purchase the below mentioned property from SOYUMM MARKETING PRIVATE LIMITED, registered office at No.9, Floor-1, Plot No.51, Kapadia Chambers, Devji Ratansi Marg, Chinchbunder, Mumbai-400009.

Any person/s, Banks/Financial institutions or any other authority concerned having or claiming any manner of right, title, lien or interest or objection in to or upon the Schedule Property and its else may intimate the same in writing supported by documentary evidence to the undersigned within 14 DAYS from the date of publication hereof, failing which all rights or claims, if any, shall be deemed to have been waived and any client will proceed with the conveyance and obtain the Deed of Absolute Sale of the Schedule Property as if no valid claims are subsisting against the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

Item No. 1: All that piece and parcel of Residential Converted Property bearing Sy.No.79/1 measuring 1 Acres 20 Guntas, Situated at Chikkasanne Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, bounded by **East by :** Property belongs to Mr. Byranna and Mr. Muniyappa; **West by :** Property belongs to Mr. Doddananjundappa; **North by :** Oni (Channal); **South by :** Remaining portion of same Survey Number Property belongs to Mr. A. Veeraprakash Reddy & Smt. Chikkamuniyamma.

Item No. 2: All that piece and parcel of Residential Converted Property bearing Survey No.79/1 measuring 1 Acre 07 Guntas, Situated at Chikkasanne Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, bounded by **East by :** Property belongs to Smt. Muniyamma; **West by :** Remaining portion of same Survey Number Property belongs to Mr. A. Veeraprakash Reddy; **North by :** Remaining portion of same Survey Number Property belongs to Mr. A. Veeraprakash Reddy; **South by :** Property belongs to Mr. D. Narayanappa.

Item No. 3: All that piece and parcel of Residential Converted Property bearing Survey No. 79/P21, (Old Survey No.79/2 earlier portion of Sy. No. 79), measuring 1 Acre 36 Guntas, Situated at Chikkasanne Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, bounded by **East by :** Property belongs to Mr. A. Veeraprakash Reddy; **West by :** Property belongs to Mr. Sardar; **North by :** Property belongs to Smt. Chowdamma; **South by :** Property belongs to Mr. A. Veeraprakash Reddy.

Place : Bengaluru **Date : 08.04.2026**

Sathyanarayana.G, Advocate, # No.84, 8th Main, 9th Cross, Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru-560 080, **Ph:+91 9343080908, 9900003099 | E: satyasira12@gmail.com.**

A protest against construction of an approach road to the Sijimali bauxite reserve turned violent on Tuesday, leaving over 60 people including 58 police personnel injured at Sagabari village of Rayagada district

First-time voters surge 33% in TN

T MURUGANANDHAM @ CHENNAI

THE number of first-time voters in Tamil Nadu in the 18-19 age group has increased by around 33.6% from 10.9 lakh, ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, to 14.6 lakh for the Assembly polls, as per the figures released by the office of the Chief Electoral Officer in Chennai on Tuesday.

The figures showed that the total size of the electorate, which had shrunk to 5.67 crore in the final roll released after SIR exercise, marginally increased by 6.36 lakh to 5.73 crore as of Monday, the last day for filing of nominations. This is after the addition of those who submitted Form 6 for inclusion after the release of final SIR rolls on February 13. These newly added voters will also be eligible to vote in the upcoming polls.

The sharp increase of first-time voters assumes significance as their proportion of the total electorate has also increased compared to 2024 Lok Sabha polls. Ahead of the LS polls, the first-time voters (18-19) age group were 1.8% of the electorate of 6.23 crore. While the total number of voters has now reduced to 5.73 crore due to the SIR exercise, the percentage of first-time voters has increased from 1.8% to 2.5% now. Though this was expected since voters of all other age groups faced deletions during SIR, the increase in the proportion of first-time voters may influence electoral outcomes in the multi-cornered contest where all alliances are trying to woo them.

When the final SIR rolls were released on February 13, the number of first-time voters stood at 12.59 lakh. The jump to 14.6 lakh showed that nearly one-third of the 6.36 lakh voters who enrolled since were first time voters.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin campaigns during his morning walk at Sirkali in Mayiladuthurai district on Tuesday | EXPRESS

WEALTHIEST CONTENDER

Name: Leema Rose (58), Lalgudi constituency
Party: AIADMK
Total asset: ₹ 1,49.56 cr
Business: Real estate, gaming, hospitality sector
Criminal cases: 4
Qualification: Std VI
Movable asset: ₹1,39.62 cr ()
Immovable asset: ₹ 909.94 cr
Family's total wealth: ₹3,262.01 cr

Stalin calls for full statehood for Puducherry, criticises Centre

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Puducherry

TAMIL Nadu Chief Minister and DMK president M K Stalin has alleged that the Centre has shown no interest in granting full statehood to Puducherry, despite the union territory's legislative Assembly passing resolutions 14 times urging such a move.

Addressing a rally here and formally introducing candidates fielded by the Congress, DMK, and VCK for the April 9 polls, Stalin accused the Lieutenant Governor of being "all in all" while Chief Minister N Rangasamy is "kept as a puppet chief minister."

"The forthcoming polls on April 9 are an excellent opportunity for the people to end the current ills in Puducherry, even while it remains a union territory," he said on Monday.

Stalin recalled that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had promised during the last Assembly elections that Puducherry would become the "best Puducherry." He said the reality, however, is the "worst Puducherry that people are witnessing now."

He also said that Stalin on Tuesday launched a scathing attack on Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis accusing him of attempting to blackmail voters of Madurai by linking the sanctioning of a metro rail project to the city to the election of a BJP legislator.

Responding to a video of Fadnavis campaigning for the BJP's Madurai South candidate, Raama Srinivasan, on X, Stalin asked if it was the job of the Maharashtra CM to "blackmail" and bargain that the metro rail project would be sanctioned only if a BJP MLA gets elected.

With inputs from agencies...

This GP in B'gavi deposits ₹5,000 in girl child's name

TUSHAR A MAJUKAR @ Belagavi

IN a commendable move towards promoting gender equality and securing the future of girl children, the Hooli gram panchayat in Saundatti taluk of Belagavi district has introduced an innovative welfare scheme titled 'Kumari Samriddhi'. Launched in August 2022, the initiative has now earned recognition across Karnataka for its impactful grassroots approach.

The scheme is designed to support families with girl children by providing financial assistance at the time of birth. Under this initiative, if a family's first child is a girl or if they have two girl children, the gram panchayat deposits a fixed amount in the child's name. This financial support aims to ensure long-term security and encourage a positive outlook towards the birth of girl children.

During its initial phase, from August 15, 2022, to August 15, 2025, the Panchayat deposited Rs 5,000 in the name of each eligible child. A total of 47 girls benefited from this phase, with an overall investment of Rs 2.35 lakh. Demonstrating its commitment to strengthening the programme, the panchayat increased the deposit amount to Rs 5,500 from August 16, 2025. Since then, two more children have benefited, adding Rs 11,000 to the total disbursement.

The funds are deposited in the local branch of Karnataka Vikas Grameen Bank and are accessible to beneficiaries along with accrued interest when they turn 18. So far, a total of Rs 2.46 lakh has been deposited in the names of 49 girl children.

Certificates being distributed to the parents of the newborn girl in Hooli

Despite having a modest population of around 12,000, the Hooli gram panchayat has funded this initiative using its own annual revenue of Rs 717 lakh, highlighting effective and responsible local governance. Panchayat Development Officer Mahadevappa Kalli emphasized that the scheme focuses on ensuring financial stability for girls in the long run.

The concept was originally proposed by gram panchayat member Virupaksha Toragalla during his tenure as the president. His vision was to create a supportive environment for girl children and improve their future prospects. To raise awareness, deposit slips are distributed to mothers during national celebrations such as Republic Day and Independence Day.

Speaking to TNIE, Zilla Panchayat CEO Rahul Shinde described the move as a commendable initiative by the gram panchayat (GP). He noted that it reflects how GPs can actively contribute to the welfare of citizens. He also added that all gram panchayats have been instructed to adopt a similar approach.

LDF, UDF hopeful of majority; BJP aims big gains

ANIL S @ T'Puram

JUST a day remaining for the crucial assembly elections that could prove decisive in shaping the course of Kerala politics, the ruling Left is vouching for Pinarayi 3.0 while the Congress camp insists the UDF is set for a comeback.

As the open campaigning came to a close with a high-octane 'kottikalasham' across the state on Tuesday, the LDF and the UDF are confident of securing a majority, even as the BJP is hopeful of winning double-digit seats.

However, notwithstanding tall claims of scoring a century of seats or more, both the UDF and LDF camps estimate a wafer-thin majority. Going by internal reports, the UDF camp expects close to 80 seats -- around 35-40 more than its current tally. The LDF hopes to touch anything between 70 and 75, which may go up to roughly 80 -- nearly 20 seats down from last time.

UDF supporters take out a rally at Thoppumpady in Kochi on Tuesday | A SANESH

As per internal assessments, the BJP aims to make it big this time, and calculates anything between 10 and 15 seats. The 'deal' allegations, SDPI factor and finally the Wayanad housing fiasco turned out to be some of the crucial narratives during the campaign phase this election.

While initial surveys and assessments in addition to early candidate selection were in favour of LDF, the UDF camp feels it was able to catch up with its rivals halfway through the campaign. "Some leaders do project an ambitious 100 seats target, which is possible if there is a wave-like scenario. As of now, we feel the front will safely land with 80-odd seats, with a substantial chunk of contribution by the Muslim League," said a senior Congress leader.

On the other hand, the Left camp feels that though caught slightly off-guard with a series of charges during the second phase of campaigning, the front managed to win back the narrative by the last lap, thanks to the Wayanad housing fiasco that landed the Congress in a soup.

EXPRESS READ

PINARAYI'S SHARP RETORT TO REVANTH'S REMARK

KOZHIKODE: In an sharp tit-for-tat, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Tuesday chose to retort in the same vein to his Telangana counterpart Revanth Reddy's unsavoury remarks, igniting a heated debate on the last day of campaigning. "Dash Mone Revanth, a reply is coming," Pinarayi retaliated to Reddy's 'Nee Po Mone Vijayan' jibe. Campaigning for Congress in Nemom on Monday, Reddy said Pinarayi's "expiry date is over." ENS

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

No.TPJ Division/Purchase/Paper Advt. /Misc Date: 06.04.2026

The following E-tender has been published in IREPS website. Firms are requested to login to **http://www.ireps.gov.in**→Login→E-tender→Goods & services (new) and quote against the tender. Manual quotations will not be entertained.

Sl.No.	Tender No.	Description	Due date
1	95265283	Digital anesthesia and advance anesthesia workstation with all accessories as per the detailed specifications enclosed details are available in tender schedule.	30.04.2026

Sr. Divisional Materials Manager, Trichy-620001

Government of India
Department of Space
ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC)
Mahendragiri P.O., Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu– 627 133, India

CORRIGENDUM Dated : 07.04.2026

In continuation to the e-NIT notifications published, the sale period for the below-mentioned works is extended up to 17-04-2026.

1. Providing cold air feeding unit in Engine Bay of SIET at IPRC, Mahendragiri. (AC Work) (No.: IPRC/CMG/TD/e-177/MI/AC-05/2025-26, Dated:19-02-2026) (Estimated cost: ₹ 14.56 Lakhs)

For eligibility criteria and other details, interested tenderers may please refer to the detailed bilingual (Hindi-English) Notice Inviting Tenders (NIT) on the website https://www.isro.gov.in/Tenders.html and tender free view at https://www.tenderwizard.com/isro

Group Head, CMG

BANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Wholly Owned by Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
CIN - U04010KA2002SGC030438

NOTIFICATION INVITING TENDER (NIT)
(Through KPP portal)

BESCOM invites tenders for "**Comprehensive Strengthening/Improvement of HT/LT Distribution network of various feeders in Nelamangala & Kolar Division of Bangalore Rural Area Zone (BRAZ) & Tumkur Division of Chitradurga Area Zone (CTAZ), BESCOM on Partial turnkey basis (Distribution Transformers will be supplied by BESCOM) under percentage quoting basis".**

Sl. No.	Name of Circle	Name of Division	Enquiry no's
1)	Bangalore Rural	Nelamangala	BESCOM/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT845-CALL-2
2)	Kolar	Kolar	BESCOM/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT851-CALL-2
3)	Tumkur	Tumkur	BESCOM/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT855-CALL-2

Availability of Bid documents: 10.04.2026, **Last date for Bid submission:** 21.04.2026 @ 15:00 Hrs. **Opening of Technical Bids:** 22.04.2026 @ 15:30 Hrs. **Pre-Bid meeting:** 15.04.2026 @ 11:00 Hrs. **Venue:** Conference Hall, 3rd Floor, BELAKU BHAVANA, Corporate office, BESCOM, K. R. Circle, Bangalore-560 001.

The bid documents can be downloaded and necessary assistance can be obtained through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (KPPP) from the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** KPP portal Help Desk: **Phone No: +91 9240214000/ +91 9240214001/+91-8046010000/+91-8068948777, E-mail: support@eprochelpdesk.com**

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IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE PRI. JUDGE FAMILY COURT AT BENGALURU
M.C. No. 5606/2025

BETWEEN : Sri. Harish L. ...Petitioner
AND : Smt. Nandini ...Respondent
NOTICE/SUMMONS TO THE RESPONDENT

Smt. Nandini W/o Sri. Harish L., Aged about 31 Years, R/at No.05, Kaivara Thathaiah Ashrama, Kothanuru Village, Bengaluru-560062.
...Respondent

Whereas, the Petitioner has filed the above petition against you for the dissolution of marriage under section 13 (1) (i) 13(1) (i-a) 13 (1) (i-b) of HM Act 1955.

You are hereby directed to appear in this court in person or by pleader duly instructed **on the 06.06.2026 at 11:00 O Clock** in the forenoon to show cause again the application failing wherein, the said application will be heard and determined as ex-parte as per law.

Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 25th day of March 2026.

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, Family Court, Bengaluru.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ADVOCATE
Sri. Santhosh A., Advocate
Office at No. 1861, East End C Main Road, Jayanagar 9th Block, Bengaluru-560069.
Mobile No: 9538476745

IN THE COURT OF HON'BLE LXXXVII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE COMMERCIAL COURT AT BENGALURU
COM. EX. PET No. 1034/2025 (CCH-88)

BETWEEN : M/s. Amir Morani Fireworks,
Through its Sole Proprietor
- Mr. Amir Morani (deleted since deceased)
Rep. by his Legal Heirs -
1(a) Mrs. Pareen Amirali Morani Age about 65 years, Occ: Business, **1(b) Mr. Azan Amirali Morani** Age 32 years, Occ: Business, **1(c) Ms. Henna Amirali Morani** Age 29 years, Occ: Student, R/at No. 709/710, Ankur CHS, B3, B Wing, Gokuldham, Kanya Pada, Film City Road, Goregaon (E), Mumbai - 400 063.
...Decree Holders

AND : M/s. Laser Magic and another
...Judgement Debtors

NOTICE TO JUDGMENT DEBTOR NO. 1 AND 2

1. M/s. Laser Magic, Having its office at No. 17, Sankey Road, Bengaluru - 560 028.
2. Mr. Anand Kumar H, Major in age, Occ: Business, having address at No. 17, Sankey Road, Bengaluru 560028. **...Judgment Debtors**

SERVICE OF THE NOTICE TO JUDGMENT DEBTOR NO. 1 AND 2 BY ADVERTISEMENT IN A NEWSPAPER UNDER ORDER V RULE 20(1-A) OF CPC R/W ORDER XXI RULE 106 (2) R/W SECTION 151 OF CPC

WHEREAS, the Decree Holders have instituted the above proceedings against the Judgment Debtors, seeking directions to execute the Judgment and Decree passed by the Hon'ble Bombay City Civil Court, Borivali Division at Dindoshi, Goregaon, Mumbai, in **Summary Suit No. 437 of 2017 dated 14-12-2022** for recovery and pay the decreetal amount in a sum of Rs. 17,00,000/- along with 13% interest p.a. i.e. 17,68,000/- and Cost of Rs. 40,868/- **totally a sum of Rs.35,08,868/-** and cost of this Petition by attaching the Bank Account and issuing garnishee order directing the Bank to remit the amount to the court from the Account of Judgment Debtors 1 & 2, to meet the ends of justice.

Whereas, the cause notice issued to the Judgment Debtors came to be returned as unserved with an endorsement "Addressee Left". Therefore, the Decree Holder was restrained to take further steps for issuance of fresh notice in the matter. In the interregnum, this Hon'ble Court was pleased to pass an order dated 13.02.2026 directing to close the file for failure to take further steps. Accordingly, the Decree holder submitted an application seeking to set aside the same, under Order XXI Rule 106 (1) before the Hon'ble Court.

Hence, You are hereby Noticed to appear in this Court in the said proceedings personally or by a pleader duly instructed **on 27th day of April 2026 (27.04.2026) at 11 O' clock,** to answer the claim. Take further notice that in default of your appearance on the said date, the matter will be proceeded ex-parte and determined on merits.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court on 13th day of March 2026.

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, Commercial Court Unit, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocates for Decree Holders
Rajesh Bhat & **Akshay Kolle**, Advocates
No.46, Jal Kamakshi, 1st A Cross Road, Model LIC Colony, Basaveshwar Nagar Bengaluru - 560 079. Ph: 9019405798
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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the ARM Branch II, Bangalore of Canara Bank, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ARM Branch II, Bangalore will be sold "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrowers. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below.

Name of Borrowers and Guarantors	Total Liabilities	Details and full description of the property	Auction Date & Time	Reserve Price & Earnest Money Deposit [EMD] (in Lakhs.) Date & Time	Incremental Value at Bid
(1) GA Doors and More Ground Floor, No 67/5, RK Reddy Industrial Estate, Lakshmipura, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bengaluru-560097 **(2) Mr. Bharath Kumar G** S/o K Ganesh No 22 Byraveshwara Nagara Shettihalli,Bengaluru -560015 **(3) Mr. Thulasi Nayak** S/o Late Rama Nayak Basaveshwara Nagar Kanakapura,Ramanagara Post- 562117 **(4) Mr. Bharath Kumar G** No 22, Kotishwari Nilaya, Anjanadhri Layout, 7th cross, Shettihalli, Jalahalli West, Benagaluru-560015	**Rs 1,74,89,768.86/-** (Rupees Two crores Seventy Four Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Eight and Eighty Six Paisa only) as on 01.04.2026 plus further interest thereon and other expenses with direct and indirect liabilities due to Canara Bank from M/s GA Doors And More.	**Property No.1 :** All that piece and parcel of the property being 3 BHK Apartment bearing bearing No A-1101, on the 11th floor vide Kaatha no. 7235091858 in the building known as "Pragathi Amber" situated in Ananth Nagar, Electronic City, Bengaluru-560100 constructed in Composite Property, having a super built up area of 1560 Sq.ft.(which is inclusive of the common walls between the apartments and proportionate share in the common areas)and with 2 Covered Car Parking Space in Basement/ Ground Floor and **bounded by : East:** Lift Lobby, **West by:** Open Space, **North by :** Open Space, **South by:** Corridor.	29.04.2026 ----- 1:00 PM to 3.00 PM	**Reserve Price:** Rs. 68.04 Lakhs **EMD:** Rs. 6,80,400/- on or before **28.04.2026.**	Multiplies of Rs.25000/- **Encumbrance(s):** Not Known to the Bank

Other terms and conditions

a. Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website https://baanknet.com/ Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
b. The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer.
c. The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process.
d. EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (Baanknet) portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan.
e. After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before 28.04.2026 to Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore by hand OR Email.
i. Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT Acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No.
ii. Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount.
iii. Bid Form.
The intending bidders should register their names at portal https://baanknet.com/and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E-auction from the service provider, M/s.PSB Alliance (Baanknet) - e- mail: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com
EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD/Sale proceeds shall not carry any interest.Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiplies of Rs.25000/-.The bidder who submits the highest bid (not below the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor.
f. The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorized Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. This amount shall be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, ARM II Branch OR shall be deposited through RTGS / NEFT / Fund Transfer to credit of account of Canara Bank, ARM II Branch, A/c. No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0006298.
g. For sale proceeds of Rs.50.00 Lakhs (Rupees Fifty lacs) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at a rate 1% or as applicable on the sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the bank.
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i. All charges for Conveyance, Stamp Duty/GST/Registration Charges etc. As applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only.
j. Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the E-auction without assigning any reason thereof.
k. In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the E-auction, they can approach Canara Bank Circle office, Bengaluru or Canara Bank ARM II Branch, Bengaluru, who as a facilitating centre shall make necessary arrangements.
l. Bidder has to make due diligence and physical verification of property with regard to title, extent, area, dues, suits and cases etc. No claim subsequent to submission of bid shall be entertained by the bank.
m. After confirmation of sale, bidder's request cannot be accepted for refund of amount which is already paid and Bank will proceed as per SARFAESI Act.

For further details contact Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch-2- (9113092975,8921102717,9201460154,9464534482,8709675503 and 080-25310181) e-mail id – cb6298@canarabank.com OR the service provider M/s.PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e- mail: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com

Special Instruction/Caution :

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back –up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Date: 07.04.2026 | Place: Bengaluru **Sd/-, Authorized Officer, Canara Bank**

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SALE NOTICE

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO TO RULE 8 (6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **29.04.2026 (10.30 AM to 11.30 AM), for recovery of Rs. 90,83,593.15/- (Rupees Ninety lakhs eighty three thousand five hundred and ninety three and paisa fifteen only)** as on **01.04.2026** with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from (1) Veena Laxmi Parasuraman** D/o C S Parsuraman No.38, Kagal Nagar Road, No.2, Jamshedpur Sonari East Singhbhum, Jharkhand-831011. **Also at :** E-406, 3rd Floor, E Block Garden Residency Sy No. 108/3, Kachanayakanahalli Jigani Hobli Anekal Taluk 560099.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through **RTGS/NEFT** in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **28.04.2026 , 5.00 pm.**

(Rs. in lakhs)

Lot No	Description of the immovable/movable assets:	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Incremental value at Bid
1	MODTD OF All that piece and parcel of Property Comprising One apartment unit . Flat bearing No. E-406 ,3rd floor In E Block, In the Apartment Known as"GARDEN RESIDENCY" Located in SYno 108/3, (Previous Portion of SY No 108/2, property No.522/108/3, RDPR NO 150200103200820885 Situated at Kachanayakanahalli Village, Hennagara Village Panchayat , Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District -560099. super Built Up area of 1089 Sq. feet. **Standing in the name of Smt. Veena Laxmi Parasuraman.** Boundaries as follows: East: -405 and Then lift, West: Open to Sky of the Apart Bldg, North: Common corridor, South: Area open to sky of the apart bldg. **Coordinates of the property Latitude- 12.80502 Longitude- 77.67693**	₹. 48.00	₹.4.80	₹. 1.00

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No. 9901642631, and 9483544116 during office hours on any working day.

Date : 07.04.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Canara Bank**

EDITORIAL

"In social networks, the function of 'friends' is primarily to heighten narcissism by granting attention, as consumers, to the ego exhibited as a commodity

Byung-Chul Han

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— Ramnath Goenka

GROWTH AND RESILIENCE OF AMUL CO-OP SHOULD BE EMULATED BEYOND DAIRY

THERE is another feather in Amul's cap. India's largest dairy brand has become the largest packaged consumer goods company in India, with its turnover exceeding ₹1 lakh crore in 2025-26. For the brand's promoter, the Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation, the success flowed from diversification over time—from milk to products such as butter, ghee, cheese and ice-cream, and then to chocolates, sweets, probiotics, flavoured beverages and frozen products. Above all, it represents the story of India's largest cooperative succeeding in eliminating exploitation by middlemen and maximising returns for primary producers. Along the way, Amul collected many accolades including the recognition in 2024 as the world's strongest food brand by British consultancy Brand Finance after scoring high on familiarity, consideration and recommendation metrics.

This unique combination of farmer power and effective marketing began as a small dairy farmers' union in Kaira district near Anand in 1946. The impetus came from a series of strikes by farmers who had ousted the region's milk traders. Over decades, it grew to become a three-layered movement—village and district cooperatives, and a state-level federation—engaging 36 lakh farmers. In 1970, the National Dairy Development Board adopted Amul as a pan-India model for state cooperatives. Verghese Kurien's leadership and establishment of the marketing federation in 1973 made the brand synonymous with the 'White Revolution'. Yet, raw farmer power may not have succeeded had it not been for clean corporate governance. Popular ad campaigns and jingles like "Utterly butterly delicious" continue to capture the imagination of customers.

There are downsides as well. Amul has become so big that it sometimes poaches into the turf of smaller dairy cooperatives like Nandini in Karnataka and Aavin in Tamil Nadu. Such power has its own cycle—after the early days of democratic teamwork and farmer-leaders, cooperatives often become calcified as traditional power centres led by regional politicians, as has happened to Maharashtra's sugar cooperatives. Size matters too. To keep cooperatives democratic and serving local interest, an optimum size should be preferred. Even if Amul has crossed that threshold, there is no denying its way of running a cooperative and scaling up must be emulated beyond dairy farming. Exploitation of primary producers by traders is a scourge that plagues the broader farm economy. Advancing the cooperative movement is one of the best ways to get the producer his due.

LET RESERVATION RESET ENHANCE EQUITY IN ODISHA

THE Mohan Charan Majhi government has quietly shaken up social dynamics in Odisha by enhancing reservation for members of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and socially and educationally backward classes (SEBCs) in medical and technical education. From 20 percent earlier—12 percent for STs and 8 percent for SCs—the total quota has now jumped to 50 percent. With 22.5 percent for STs, 16.25 percent for SCs and 11.25 percent for SEBCs, reservation in Odisha now reflects the levels in other states with similar social structures.

Coming after decades of demanding proportional representation, this is a moment of reckoning for historically disadvantaged groups in the state. In 2015, reservation for the SC and ST communities was raised to 38.75 percent in general higher education, but medical, engineering and other technical institutions were kept out of the move. The wait was even longer for SEBCs, a section that mostly overlaps with the other backward classes. Despite accounting for 54 percent of the population, reservation for the group was kept at 11.25 percent to stay within the overall ceiling of 50 percent mandated by the Supreme Court in the *Indra Sawhney* (1992) case. A 2023 survey by the Odisha State Commission for Backward Classes revealed that just about 22 percent of SEBC members had cleared matriculation and intermediate to hold technical diplomas. The structural correction should, at long last, open the doors of technical professions to many more in the community.

While OBC groups rejoice and the state government draws appreciation from across party lines, it must be noted that the action aligns closely with the BJP's social reengineering strategy. Across India, OBCs have emerged as a key constituent of the national party, and by extending reservation to them in technical education through the SEBC classification, the BJP government is consolidating its broad social coalition in Odisha just a year before rural and urban body elections, even while addressing a longstanding demand. It goes to show how closely social justice and pre-poll policy shifts are often intertwined in India. The Odisha government must ensure that this reservation reset practically improves social mobility and equality on the ground, rather than be seen as a mere move to gain votes.

QUICK TAKE

RINGS TO PROTECT

PUTTING your body in harm's way to protect what you support has a long and powerful history. In India, women have formed defiant human shields in various eras to protect the vulnerable from both brutal rulers and murderous mobs. In the 1970s, locals in the Garhwal Himalayas formed rings around trees to prevent large-scale logging in what came to be known as the Chipko movement. Today such a movement is growing in Iran, whose power plants and bridges the US has threatened to destroy. First, tar virtuoso Ali Ghamsari stunned the world by calmly sitting down to play next to the Damavand power plant. Then thousands of Iranians responded to the government's call to follow suit. Leaders must implore the war machine to stop before knowingly harming civilians.

Raghav Chadha lost Arvind Kejriwal's confidence by growing distant from party initiatives and championing causes for the classes rather than the masses of the state that sent him to the Rajya Sabha

WHAT A POLITICIAN'S RISE & FALL REVEALS ABOUT AMBITIOUS AAP

RADHIKA RAMASESHAN
Columnist and political commentator

MANDAR PARDIKAR

FOR a mid-sized party that earned its place in Indian political chronicles by claiming and retaining Delhi in the 2015 and 2020 Assembly elections, though it was left battered after an ignominious defeat in 2025, the Aam Aadmi Party never disappears from the news cycle. Its survival now depends on its Punjab government, while it nurtures a small presence in the Gujarat, Goa and J&K assemblies.

The AAP's record does not portend the prospect of being a force to reckon with at the Centre in the foreseeable future. But nothing stops the party from dreaming big. No sooner was AAP chieftain Arvind Kejriwal legally exonerated in the excise policy case that cost him a third victory in Delhi, than his cheerleaders proclaimed him as a prospective Prime Minister.

After drawing local big-shots from opponents like the Congress, the AAP got a taste of its own medicine once it ceded power in Delhi. It lost former ministers Raaj Kumar Anand and Kailash Gahlot to the BJP, while Alka Lamba, one of the national capital's best-known women politicians, returned to the Congress.

However, the recent exclusion of Raghav Chadha from the innards of power drew more reactions—both negative and favourable towards the newsmaker—than the other departures, although Kejriwal has not yet suspended Chadha from the party. He seems set to quit as he lobs a provocation a day at his leader.

Last week, Chadha was stripped of his post as the AAP's Rajya Sabha deputy leader with a communiqué to the secretariat not to allocate him time to speak. It was as if lifelines sustaining his political career were cut off, leaving him with a token presence in the party and Parliament.

Chadha, a 37-year-old chartered accountant, started as a Kejriwal favourite. Dapper and eloquent, he spoke the language of a quintessential upper-middle-class urbanite without the cynicism of someone tired of the existing system. The patina of earnestness he exuded persuaded even politics-weary citizens to believe that a vote for AAP would bring them '*achchhe din*'.

Chadha was no political spring chicken. He quickly grasped and nearly perfected the AAP's operative dynamics and maintained Kejriwal's trust to become a key trouble-shooter in Punjab after the party was elected to rule, and was crucial to selecting candidates, finessing the campaign and sorting out organisational glitches. Before the 2022 polls, there was a buzz that Chadha could be the Chief Minister if AAP was voted to power. Even as Bhagwant Mann made it to the top job, Chadha leveraged his clout to a degree that he was feared as an extra-constitutional authority to Mann's chagrin.

The growing antagonism towards Chadha didn't bother his mentor Kejriwal, who in 2022 had him appointed as an advisor to the Punjab government. He was elected to the Rajya Sabha from the state and was additionally rewarded with the post of the AAP's deputy leader in the Upper House, with the hope he would assail the ruling NDA coalition and flag issues close to his party's agenda.

He didn't work to fulfill Kejriwal's expectations. Apparently, the trigger for Chadha's creeping indifference towards the AAP was Kejriwal's arrest in March 2024 in the excise scam along with senior Delhi ministers Manish Sisodia and Satyendar Jain. Chadha's name figured in supplementary charges filed by the Enforcement Directorate, but he was not named as an accused or a suspect. AAP insiders believed that the mention was enough to put the fear of god in Chadha.

He started to distance himself. He did not campaign enthusiastically in the Delhi elections. When AAP leaders and workers were out on the streets protesting the arrest of Kejriwal and other colleagues, Chadha went missing. His plea was that he was in London for a vitrectomy. However, even when back in Delhi, he did not partake of the celebrations after the corruption charges against Kejriwal and others were dropped.

In Parliament, he was considered more a liability than an asset to the AAP. The grouse was that Chadha never participated in opposition walkouts, never raised questions against the Modi government and, importantly, never took up Punjab-related matters despite representing the state. He was accused of indulging in "soft public relations", which when parsed meant speaking on issues the treasury benches would readily endorse.

So, when Chadha pleaded that he was brought down for "speaking for the people", his colleagues' retort was he was more concerned with the high price of samosas selling at airport restaurants than the deletion of bona fide voters from electoral rolls. The "samosa" became a metaphor for Chadha's levity in a serious forum like the Rajya Sabha. What was unexceptionable to him was unacceptable to the AAP—adopting "neutrality" and "playing safe" in politically fraught times. A day after the first round of actions against him, he deleted posts attacking Modi from his X account. He invited ridicule from his colleagues, who reminded him that an individual who takes fright might as well be dead.

One of Chadha's recent Instagram post says, "Never outshine your master". Although described as cryptic by observers, it was crystal clear that he intended to portray himself as a 'victim' for displaying 'talent'. The undertone suggested that his 'master' Kejriwal was insecure because he, Chadha, appeared more brilliant.

Sadly, Chadha's purported brilliance and talent were rarely, if ever, on display. When he was given space in Punjab, like any politician, he tried to put his new skills at realpolitik to use and did not succeed. In Parliament, his anxiety over excessive baggage charges, flight delays and legalising paternity leave—legitimate issues by themselves—would have endeared him to the classes rather than the masses who are losing sleep over LPG shortage.

For someone who supposedly had a great rapport with Kejriwal, Chadha must have known early on that he served a leader who, like anyone in his role, was essentially ruthless and subscribed to an off-with-the-head credo to reinforce his supremacy. At the peak of the AAP's popularity and strength, Kejriwal rid himself of several founding members such as Yogendra Yadav and Prashant Bhushan, indisputably wiser and more talented than Chadha. The AAP survived the vicissitudes.

By comparison, Chadha might be small change useful to the BJP and the Congress—only to the extent of disparaging Kejriwal and spilling the beans on AAP, like some of Rahul Gandhi's former confidants are to the BJP.

(Views are personal)

EFFECTIVE PILL FOR ONLINE ILLS

SASMIT PATRA
MP, Rajya Sabha and member, Standing Committee on Communications and IT

OVER the last few months, several states have sent a clear message long overdue: in today's age, child safety can no longer be treated as an afterthought. Calls for stronger restrictions on minors' social media use are already being voiced citing mental health, academic performance and overall well-being.

From Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh to Goa and Punjab, state governments have begun recognising the seriousness of challenges children face online, and the fact that it is no longer a scattered concern but a national problem that demands urgent attention. The concern is not remote to my state, Odisha, either. This is not a sudden overreaction or a passing political trend, but rather the consequence of years of mounting harm and toxicity, and the ineffectiveness of platform safeguards.

Even this year's Economic Survey framed social media addiction as a health challenge in which compulsive use among young Indians is leading to anxiety, depression, low self-esteem, sleep disturbances, reduced concentration and poorer academic performance.

Among the things children are exposed to on social media platforms are sexualised material, influencer-driven content, unrealistic lifestyles and manipulative trends. Added to this is the rising threat of bullying, predatory contact and generative artificial intelligence-enabled harms that overwhelm young users with misleading and often harmful material. It is for this reason that state-level conversations on social media regulation have largely framed the public health lens. While platforms are making efforts to improve a child's experience on social media through measures such as teen accounts and parental tools, such efforts are clearly not enough.

As parliamentarians, we should read this carefully. When state governments with varied political dispensations move in the same direction, it signals that a public concern has crossed a threshold and policymakers are losing patience. The question, therefore, is not merely whether banning social media for children is a sustainable approach. Banning technology is not the solution, but the *status quo* also needs to change.

The bigger question is whether the existing platform-led model of child safety online remains defensible at all. Are we starved for workable solutions? While platforms have had years to remodel these spaces meaningfully safer for users, the harms have only exacerbated.

Now, with the mainstreaming of gen-AI, the culture of platforms seems to be becoming even more exploitative and difficult to govern. In such a situation, it is hardly surprising that governments reach for bans and regulatory restrictions, which could be considered the easiest tools available when no one has offered a better alternative.

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When state governments of different political persuasions move in the same direction, Parliament must take note. The harm online platforms are causing for young children needs a conversation beyond state bans. Focus must be trained on platform design

The next phase of this conversation must be about platform accountability in its most achievable form. For that, we first need to acknowledge that social media platforms function as systems of public consequence. It would not be an understatement to say that they actively shape what we see, how we think and what kinds of social behaviour are normalised.

Second, since the question of harm is no longer restricted to content alone and has become more about design and culture, our accountability mechanisms must keep that in mind. For that, platforms accessed by children must move away from design architectures that involve meaningful friction, including age-appropriate time limits, safer late-night defaults, reduced virality features for younger users, stronger break prompts and greater restraint around design choices that are built to prolong use.

On top, the focus should shift towards a preventive model of moderation focused on improving the quality of the environment itself. This means stronger human moderation for high-risk youth-facing spaces, faster escalation channels, greater visibility into how harmful trends spread. Platforms should also take more responsibility on platforms to disrupt repeated cycles of manipulation, pile-ons and algorithmically-amplified mischief before they harden into culture.

Just as importantly, platforms must also learn to slow down, especially in times of AI. They can't continue to roll out high-impact features, generative tools and engagement mechanisms into youth-heavy environments as though society must absorb the consequences later.

Significant product changes should go through sandboxes, testing environments and external review before large-scale deployment. Parents, young users, educators, child-rights experts and mental-health professionals should be consulted in product design and rollout.

It may no longer be enough to rely on scattered rule-making and platform-specific responses to tackle what we are dealing with today. What is now needed is a more specialised digital-safety regulator capable of monitoring risks to minors, demanding meaningful disclosures and reviewing high-risk design features. Such an approach should not focus only on content take-downs, but on the broader conditions that make harm more likely.

The role of the regulator would be particularly crucial in India, where the scale of platform use is enormous and enforcement remains uneven. Moreover, at a time when different states are beginning to respond in different ways, there is a need for an institutional mechanism that can bring coherence and ensure effective enforcement of safety obligations.

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Safeguarding students

Ref: *Faculty code of conduct* (Apr 7). Harassment of minority community students and their discriminatory branding is highly condemnable and unpardonable. It's high time that the students facing caste-based humiliation in institutions revered as temples of learning be protected.
D Sethuraman, Chennai

War barbarity

Ref: *For humanity's sake* (Apr 7). After all the great ancient civilisations we read about in schools—the sensational revolutions, wars, discoveries and inventions—we continue to live in a barbaric world. Post war, the world will witness the birth of children with congenital deformities due to the toxic effects of exchanged ammunition, leading to both direct and indirect casualties.
Sanath Kumar T S, Thrissur

Dole baits

Ref: *Their mandate* (Apr 7). I still remember election manifestos while growing up—playgrounds and parks. It's appalling to see that now doles are thrown as bait to voters, who unfortunately fall for it too. While it's always a trade-off between development and environment, critical issues like pure drinking water remain untouched.
Vishnuvardhan Ravindrakumar, Karur

Sathankulam negligence

Ref: *All nine policemen sentenced to death* (Apr 7). While the nation welcomes the order, a question remains pertinent: how medical authorities misreported the victims' cause of death despite explicit signs of assault. What's the responsibility of the much-dependable authority?
G Mani Prakash, Bengaluru

System failure

Ref: *'Anti-Maoist push'* (Apr 7). Social effects are the cause of anti-social behaviour and are influenced by externalities.
What will a person do to protect his family when the entire system betrays him?
When truth, justice and honesty bids adieu, not many are able to escape the ruin.
Sureshbabu Kalyansundaram, email

Policy rhetoric

Ref: *Work on UCC, ONOE* (Apr 7). The government has shown remarkable speed in passing contentious legislations. Why does ONOE then remain a distant goal?
The answer lies in political convenience.
Until governance is prioritised over political mileage, ONOE will remain a rhetoric.
T Kailash Ditya, Hyderabad

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POSTS OF THE DAY

K C Venugopal @kcvenugopalmp
Himanta must apologise for this deplorable conduct, for insulting one of the tallest leaders in our country who hails from the most humble backgrounds.

Priyanka Chaturvedi @priyankac19
Civilisations aren't just about their regimes- it is the collective strength of the people who have fought and survived, who have been resilient.

Kiren Rijiju @KirenRijiju
Kharge ji should not have said this as a Congress Party President. I thought he is more matured! In the shop of love, the poison of fanaticism and hatred is being sold.

Trump's deadline and Tehran's defiance: A region on the brink

Islamabad's peace plans rejected after it lost Iran's trust of being an interlocutor for allowing US ships to be reflagged to help them pass the Strait of Hormuz

NEENA GOPAL
Foreign policy analyst and author

As tensions tip toward a potential inflection point, rhetoric and military action are converging in ways that signal a decisive escalation. With strategic infrastructure already under attack and energy markets reacting, the focus is shifting from signals to consequences. "A whole civilization will die tonight, never to be brought back again," the President of the United States posted on Truth Social, thirteen hours before his own deadline. Trump continued: "Now that we have Complete and Total Regime Change, where different, smarter, and less radicalized minds prevail, maybe something revolutionarily wonderful can happen..!"

The US struck Kharg Island, the artery for 90 percent of Iran's crude exports and the IRGC warned it would deprive American allies of the region's oil and gas for years. Crude markets rose three percent on the Kharg headlines, but they may be watching the wrong variable.

There is little doubt that the US President's warning of "a complete demolition" of Iran's power plants and bridges is not an empty threat. The US and Israel have demonstrated reach by destroying the iconic Karaj bridge, one of the largest in West Asia, which served as a critical corridor for the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps to move missile systems and drones—the mainstay of this conflict. The IRGC knows well that Trump's 'bridge day ultimatum'—of bombing Iran "back to the Stone Age"—puts at least five more bridges at risk along with petrochemical and nuclear facilities.

But Israel is not immune to Iranian hell-fire either. In an under-reported mini exodus, thousands of Israelis, foreign diplomats and workers are fleeing to the country's southernmost city of Eilat and forking out hundreds of dollars to cross from Nuweiba on the Gulf of Aqaba into Jordan as Tehran is targeting the Negev desert and Ben Gurion airport.

AS PEACE TALKS RUN AGROUND AND THE PROSPECT OF LAND INVASION GAINS TRACTION—WITH NATIVE KURDS NUDGED INTO BACKING THE US—WOULD IRAN BE WILLING TO BACK DOWN, AS IT DID ONCE ON ITS NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAMME?

Iran's push to reassert control over southern Lebanon and draw Syria, Iraq and Yemen deeper into its orbit—countering 'Greater Israel' with a 'Greater Iran'—is underway. Simultaneously, it is moving to punish Gulf Arab states for hosting US bases and normalising ties with Israel, as seen in the UAE's Abraham Accords.

There could be a twist in the tale for Pakistan watchers, too. Insiders are claiming that one of the reasons Islamabad's peace proposals were rejected is that it lost Tehran's trust of being an independent interlocutor when it allowed several US ships to be reflagged as Pakistani to help them pass the blockaded Strait of Hormuz.

The vitriol that colours official statements in this biting war of words skirts another key development--the battle within Iran that Tehran has put a tight lid on. Iranians old and young who had come out on the streets in thousands on January 8 and 9, before there was hint of a conflagration with US-Israel, were looking for regime change. They came up against the Basij militia and other hardliners who violently cracked down. The mood on the streets is different now.

Most Iranian analysts dismiss internal dissent as Mossad-driven propaganda, yet émigrés report a quiet rumble among educated youth, silenced by US bombings of schools, hospitals, and universities. The movement is tainted by Reza Pahlavi, viewed as an American-Israeli puppet. Trump's claim of supplying arms heightens risks for pro-regime-change Iranians, while Israel arrests anti-war Haredi Jews for leaking intelligence to Tehran, highlighting the conflict's complex, multidirectional pressures on civilians, dissidents, and regional actors alike.

But as peace talks run aground and the prospect of land invasion gains traction--with native Kurds nudged into backing the US--would Iran be willing to back down, as it did once on its nuclear weapons programme? Supporting the thought is the Gulf countries trying to find ways to avoid the Hormuz block. The southern part of the strait is largely controlled by Oman. With the UAE's foreign policy adviser Anwar Gargash stating that the strait cannot be held hostage by any country, moves are afoot to circumvent it through land and air corridors across Saudi Arabia to keep trade routes open. Tehran's counter-offer to the peace proposals includes a permanent end to the war, not just in Iran but in Lebanon and Gaza; recognition of Iran's sovereignty over Hormuz strait and the right to enrich uranium under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty; lifting of economic sanctions; and payment of reparations for war damage. Removed from the list is the demand that countries be asked to cut ties with Israel.

The buzz within the Masoud Pezeshkian government, as opposed to the tougher line spouted by hardliners, is that they should take the nuclear deal that was on the table in February, only this time with the caveat that they would not be attacked again.

Despite the unpleasant rant by Trump on Tuesday that "a whole civilisation will die", is there another deal on offer? Or will there be a 'bonfire of defiance' that Iran will not be able to douse? Either way, peace will come at a huge price.

TURMOIL

Misri on 3-day US visit amid escalating tension in West Asia

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

AMID escalating conflict in West Asia, India's Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri will travel to Washington DC from April 8 to 10 to review the full spectrum of India-US bilateral relations and advance cooperation across trade, defence, science, and technology. The three-day visit will also focus on the ongoing war in the region and broader geopolitical developments.

"The visit will provide an opportunity to review the full spectrum of India-US bilateral relations and advance ongoing cooperation across key areas," the External Affairs Ministry (MEA) said in a statement. With over ten million Indians residing in West Asia and the region serving as a major source of energy imports, India has substantial stakes in regional stability.

During the trip, officials are expected to deliberate on progress regarding the proposed bilateral trade deal, which was agreed in principle in early February after months of strain, including punitive tariffs imposed by the US and tensions following the India-Pakistan military clashes in May last year during Operation Sindoor. Strengthening defence and strategic coordination will also be on the agenda.

"The visit follows the External Affairs Minister's visit to Washington DC in February and is in keeping with the regular high-level exchanges between the two sides," the MEA added. Misri is scheduled to meet senior US officials on a wide range of issues, including trade, defence, science and technology, as well as regional and global developments of mutual interest.

India has been in consistent contact with all stakeholders in the Gulf and West Asia, including Iran, to navigate the rapidly evolving situation. The trip comes amid heightened US-Iran tensions following strikes on strategic locations and escalating rhetoric from Washington.

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> Ministry of External Affairs

Pak issues 2.8K visas

Amid ongoing strains, Pakistan has issued over 2,800 visas to Sikh pilgrims from India to attend the Baisakhi festival in Punjab province, scheduled from April 10 to 14. The pilgrims are also expected to visit key Sikh religious sites, including Gurdwara Panja Sahib.

Tension heightens, flight ops severely hit amid Iran war

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

THE total number of flights cancelled by Indian carriers since the beginning for the West Asia crisis has crossed 10,000, Civil Aviation Ministry Joint Secretary Asanga Chuba said on Tuesday, adding that the number of flights operated per day have reduced drastically.

"On an average, Indian carriers operate between 300 and 350 flights per day between India and the Gulf region and today that number has gone down to 80 to 90 flights per day due to the ongoing crisis. Beginning February 28, the number of flights cancelled by Indian carriers is more than 10,000," Chuba told reporters.

He conceded that airlines were under immense pressure. "Nearly 50% of all international operations by Indian carriers are to Gulf region. International flights are a good source of revenue for the airlines. The disruptions have definitely impacted their revenue," he added.

The Indian carriers to Europe and Northern America need to take a longer route and this impacted their travel time and operational costs, he said.

To a query on the relaxations given, particularly the Flight Duty Time Limitations to the crew, Chuba said, "The relaxation will be revisited. It is an evolving situation." Due to government's intervention, the increase in fares on the domestic route was moderate. "Distance-based surcharge has been imposed by the airlines to cover operational cost due to the Aviation Turbine Fuel cost," he said. ATF takes up 40% of the operational cost of an airline, he added.

Elaborating on the measures taken to help the industry, the official said foreign airlines like Emirates, Kuwait Airways and Jazeera Airways have been permitted to operate passenger aircraft for cargo movement amid disruption. The ministry works with stakeholders to make all efforts to support the industry, he said.

The domestic passenger numbers on Monday were nearly 4,70,000 and 3,300 flights are operating daily, Chuba said.

CCTVs in all police stations will be installed in 2 weeks, Centre tells SC

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Tuesday told the Supreme Court that issues concerning the installation of CCTVs in police stations across the country would be sorted out within two weeks.

Attorney General (AG) R Venkataramani assured the bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta that all pending and unresolved issues regarding the installation and functionality of CCTV cameras in police stations across the country would be addressed within a fortnight.

The Union Home Secretary, while complying with the top court's order of Monday, appeared before it. The SC had asked him to remain present before it on Tuesday so that appropriate assistance could be obtained from him regarding the implementation of the scheme for the installation of CCTVs in police stations across the country.

The top court said the Union and state governments should work closely and in proper coordination to ensure compliance with its 2020 judgment mandating cameras in all police stations to prevent custodial torture.

The 2020 landmark ruling of the apex court requires CCTV systems to be installed at entry and exit points, lock-ups, corridors, and reception areas of police stations. The cameras must have night vision, audio recording, and at least 1 year of data.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Mention of urgent cases only before CJI

In a significant directive, the Supreme Court has said that "exceptionally urgent matters" that can't wait for the listing process have to be mentioned only before the CJI. As per the usual practice, urgent matters are mentioned for listing and hearing before the seniormost judge if the CJI is unavailable.

The top court passed the verdict to enhance accountability, transparency, and protect citizen rights, after it was informed of non-compliance.

On September 4, 2025, the apex court had called for registration of a suo motu case in the public interest regarding the lack of functional CCTV cameras in police stations across states. The court took it on a suo motu basis, after relying on a report published by a national daily, highlighting that around 11 people died in police custody in the last seven to eight months in that year.

Prior to that, in December 2020, the top court had directed that all state and UT governments ensure CCTV cameras are installed in every police station under their jurisdiction.

Dowry violence claims over 6K lives annually: SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

DESPITE India experiencing significant economic growth, rising literacy, and increased participation of women in education and the workforce, more than 4.48 lakh crimes against women were recorded in 2023, and dowry-related violence continues to claim over 6,000 lives annually, the Supreme Court said on Tuesday.

The top court made these observations while affirming the life sentence of a man convicted of murdering his wife in Rajasthan in 2011 by setting her ablaze. It said the incident is rooted in domestic abuse and reflective of the enduring menace of dowry-linked violence.

The SC also agreed with the decision of—Bundi trial court and Rajasthan High Court—sentencing the appellant, Shankar, to life imprisonment for killing his wife.

"Welfare schemes can incentivise education but cannot alter long-held beliefs about women's roles within marriage and family. As a result, practices such as domestic abuse or even extreme acts like burning a wife persist not as aberrations, but as indications of a disease afflicted social order," it said.

WOMEN TO HELP INDIA TAKE THE NEXT BIG LEAP

VIJAYA RAHATKAR
Chairperson, National Commission for Women

INDIA'S development story is often narrated through numbers, growth rates, infrastructure expansion and economic milestones. Yet the most profound transformation of the past decade lies beyond statistics. It is reflected in a deeper societal shift—the emergence of women not merely as participants, but as leaders shaping the nation's future.

This transition towards women-led development is neither incidental nor isolated. It is the outcome of a deliberate and sustained effort to create an enabling ecosystem that supports women across every stage of life. From the birth of a girl child to her journey as an entrepreneur, professional, or public representative, the approach has been holistic, continuous and transformative.

Political participation has witnessed a significant transformation. With 12,14,885 women elected representatives—constituting 49.75% of the total 24,41,781 representatives in panchayati raj institutions—women are actively shaping governance at the grassroots. In this continuum, the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam marks a historic and transformative milestone by providing one-third reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and state Assemblies.

It reflects the nation's unwavering commitment to strengthening women's leadership in higher legislatures. The true potential of this landmark reform can only be realised through effective implementation. There is a pressing need to operationalise the provisions of the Act at the earliest, ensuring that women's voices are not just acknowledged, but institutionally embedded in the country's democratic framework. Its early enforcement will not only accelerate inclusive governance but also serve as a powerful catalyst for a more representative and equitable political landscape.

For decades, gender bias influenced India's demographic and social indicators. Today, that narrative is being steadily rewritten. Initiatives such as Beti Bachao Beti Padhao have sought to challenge entrenched mindsets and reinforce the value of the girl child. The impact is visible in the National Family Health Survey 5, which recorded a sex ratio of 1,020 females per 1,000 males, signalling a meaningful societal shift. For mothers, institutional support has expanded significantly. Under the PM Matru Vandana Yojana, over ₹20,149 crore has been disbursed to more than 4.28 crore women, providing inancial assistance during pregnancy.

Increasingly, women are not just participating—they are leading. India's startup ecosystem is witnessing a steady rise in women founders and decision-makers. Financial inclusion has played a pivotal role in this transformation. Under the PM Mudra Yojana, 57.79 crore loans worth over ₹40 lakh crore have been extended, with nearly 66% women beneficiaries. Inclusion has deepened through the Jan Dhan Yojana, under which 57.93 crore accounts have been opened, of which 55.7% belong to women.

OVER THE LAST DECADE, VARIOUS SCHEMES HAVE SUPPORTED WOMEN'S HEALTH, WORK, FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE AND DIGNITY. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NARI SHAKTI VANDAN ADHINIYAM CAN PROVIDE THE IMPETUS THAT SCALES UP THESE GAINS

The scale of transformation is even more striking at the grassroots. Around 10 crore women have been mobilised into over 90 lakh self-help groups, fostering financial independence. This ecosystem has enabled over 3 crore women to emerge as Lakhpati Didis, with SHGs receiving bank credit of over ₹12.50 lakh crore. Additionally, 84 lakh rural women have become entrepreneurs, while 5 crore women farmers have been trained in advanced and sustainable agricultural practices.

Can empowerment evolve from subsistence to prosperity? Initiatives like Lakhpati Didi aim to strengthen income generation, while the Drone Didi initiative, targeting the training of 15,000 women as drone pilots, reflects a forward-looking approach.

Empowerment is also about easing everyday burdens. Over 10.56 crore smoke-free kitchens under the PM Ujjwala Yojana have improved health and reduced drudgery. The construction of more than 11.8 crore toilets under the Swachh Bharat Mission has enhanced dignity and safety. Housing under the PM Awas Yojana, with 73% women beneficiaries, has strengthened ownership and security. Together, these interventions redefine dignity in everyday life.

Women are entering spaces once considered beyond their reach. Workplace reforms have contributed to this shift. The new Labour Codes promote inclusivity by enabling women to work across sectors, including night shifts, with appropriate safeguards. They emphasise equal remuneration, social security and dignity.

Institutional support remains critical. The National Commission for Women has expanded its work to proactive engagement and capacity building. Initiatives such as She Serves guide women aspirants, the Yashoda AI tool equips them with technological skills, Campus Calling fosters youth awareness, 'She is a Change Maker' campaign strengthens grassroots leadership, and Mahila Jansunwai ensures accessible redress.

What emerges is a convergence of efforts shaping a new era of women-led development. This is the right moment for a decisive thrust that can scale these gains to the next level. Implementation of the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam can provide this impetus. The journey ahead is filled with opportunity, where nari shakti promises to shape a stronger, more inclusive and brighter India.

(Views are personal)

MURDER

A 35-year-old Shiv Sena worker was stabbed to death in Nanded on Monday, after which one of the suspects was detained following an encounter that left him with a bullet injury, a police official said.

5 HELD FOR LOOTING BIZMAN IN J'KHAND'S GODDA

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	39	24	Mumbai	31	26
Bhopal	37	21	Panaji	32	25
Jaipur	36	20	Patna	36	21
Amritsar	32	18	Lucknow	36	20
Chennai	34	25	Port Blair	31	26
Kolkata	35	24	Imphal	22	15
Srinagar	10	-2	Chandigarh	37	18

Time will tell whether BJP-led NDA can hold its Assam fort or Cong can upset NDA applecart ● Cracks in INDIA bloc as Cong hits back at Didi

Assam: 'Contest' is the buzzword

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

Union Home Minister Amit Shah at an election rally in Assam's Patharkandi | PTI

TRADITIONALLY one-sided, the April 9 Assembly elections are likely to throw up a "contest" in the true sense. There has always been a huge gap between the largest and second-largest parties in terms of the number of seats they won. In the past eight elections, the closest was a 25-seat gap in 1996, when the regional Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) won 59 seats compared to the Congress's 34.

Today, "contest" is the buzzword. Only time will tell whether the BJP-led NDA can hold its Assam fort or the Congress can upset the NDA applecart, but people at large believe that there will be a contest this time. Observers say the silent voters will largely determine whether there is a contest.

"The BJP has already managed to attract a lot of voters through its populist welfare schemes and development initiatives," said Jayanta Krishna Sarmah, who teaches political science at Gauhati University. Similarly, he continued, the Congress-led six-party Opposition front has been able to take up some pertinent issues, including the demand for "justice for Zubeen Garg," though whether it translates into votes remains to be seen.

"The votes of the 'floating or undecided' voters will be crucial for both ruling and Opposition sides," Sarmah stated.

Both the NDA and the Opposition alliance have their strengths and weaknesses.

The NDA has been in power since 2016 and anti-incumbency could be a major factor against it. The second issue likely to affect the NDA is the unfulfilled demand of justice for Garg, who, according to Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, was "murdered." He had stated, "Why would you vote for us if we cannot ensure justice for Zubeen?" And when the demand for justice grew louder, he countered it by claiming that the government had already fulfilled it by filing the charge sheet on time and arresting seven suspects.

The government also faces corruption charges. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi accused Sarma of opening a "land ATM," alleging vast swathes of land were sold to a few industrialists, and that the proceeds were being used in politics.

The NDA's greatest strength will be the welfare schemes, particularly "Orunodoi." Under it, women from economically disadvantaged families receive a monthly financial assistance of ₹1,250. The NDA also won many hearts by ensuring clean recruitments in government departments and boosting infra development.

As for the Congress, its greatest weakness is that it has been reduced to a one-leader party. The Congress's state president, Gaurav Gogoi, is the only leader left with a statewide reach. The party is hoping to cash in on Gogoi's clean image.

Assam cops search Khera's residence

The Assam Police on Tuesday claimed about recovering "incriminating" material from the New Delhi residence of Congress leader Pawan Khera. An Assam Police team, accompanied by its Delhi counterpart, went to Khera's residence in connection with a case registered with the Crime Branch in Guwahati but did not find him. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma's wife Riniki Bhuyan Sharma had lodged an FIR against the Congress leader following his claims that she possesses passports of three countries, owns luxury properties in Dubai and has investments worth several lakh crore rupees in the US.

Subtle disruption: Two women walk into the fray, elections in Assam sit up

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

Kunki Chowdhury and Gyanashree Bora

TWO first-time candidates—Kunki Chowdhury (27) and Gyanashree Bora (34)—are drawing curious glances for the subtle disruption they bring. Among the 59 women in the fray of 722 candidates, they are barely into politics but have quickly become recognisable faces, speaking to voters about everyday issues.

"I would work to deal with artificial floods, parking, garbage issues and create skill hubs for youth," Chowdhury said during an interaction.

"I would try to address issues such as the shortage of drinking water and poor road conditions in rural areas," Bora said, outlining her priorities.

Chowdhury, London-educated, and Bora, a PhD holder who recently quit her assistant lecturer's job, arrive from different worlds but meet on the campaign trail with a similar, grounded political pitch.

They have been fielded by the Assam Jatiya Parishad and Raijor Dal, parties born out of the anti-Citizenship (Amendment) Act agitation, from Guwahati Central and Mariani, respectively. Chowdhury faces BJP's Vijay Kumar Gupta, while Bora takes on Rupjyoti Kurmi, whose family has held Mariani since 1991, barring a two-year gap.

Their presence has prompted sharp responses from the ruling party, underscoring the attention their campaigns have begun to command. CM Himanta Biswa Sarma stirred controversy by targeting Chowdhury's family, claiming her Gorkha mother, Sujata Gurung Chowdhury, is a beef eater.

Sujata, originally from Kalimpong in Bengal, and Chowdhury dismissed the claim, even as the remark ruffled feathers and widened the spotlight on the candidate. In the aftermath, the family pointed to its legacy. Sujata's grandfather, Ari Bahadur Gurung, a barrister, was part of the Constituent Assembly that drafted Constitution.

The All India Gorkha League announced backing for Chowdhury, calling her a blend of academic excellence, youthful vision and inclusive politics.

Bora, too, has faced political barbs. The CM said Mariani voters should back a local candidate, alluding to her not being a local. Unlike Chowdhury, who comes from an affluent business family, Bora was born into a farmer's family, a contrast that underscores their differing social backgrounds.

DAY AFTER DIDI JIBE, CONG HITS BACK: 'CHARGES BASELESS'

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

TENSIONS within the opposition INDIA bloc deepened on Tuesday after one of its main constituents Trinamool Congress (TMC) and Congress exchanged barbs over West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's allegations of a "secret understanding" between the DMK, Congress and the Election Commission.

Congress leader Manickam Tagore on Tuesday termed Banerjee's remarks "highly irresponsible and condemnable," accusing her of making baseless claims at a time when opposition unity is crucial to challenge the BJP. "This is not the time for reckless statements. This is the time for unity, responsibility, and focus," said the Congress MP.

During an election campaign, Banerjee had said that many senior officials of Bengal, including IAS and IPS, have been transferred to Tamil Nadu. "All are being sent to TN and the EC has an intimacy with the southern state. Congress and Stalin might have a secret understanding with the EC," she said.

Tagore said such statements weaken the collective fight against the BJP and distract from core political issues. Tagore pointed out at the TMC's previous associations with the BJP in 1998 and 1999. "It is surprising that Mamata Banerjee is losing her balance and making wild claims without evidence. Let us not forget that the TMC was once in alliance with the BJP in 1998 and 1999, and even fought elections alongside the BJP in 2004," he said.

TMC to meet EC today

A four-member Trinamool Congress (TMC) delegation will meet the Election Commission (EC) on Wednesday and raise the issue of lakhs of people being "disenfranchised" due to the SIR in the state, the party said.

He emphasised that questioning institutions and targeting alliance partners without evidence undermines credibility and cohesion within the bloc. "Casting doubts on institutions and targeting alliance partners without facts is not leadership—it is distraction," he said.

Defending the Congress position, Tagore said Rahul Gandhi has been consistently opposing the BJP, and that he has faced multiple legal cases, disqualification from Parliament, and eviction from his official residence. "Rahul Gandhi has consistently stood up against the BJP, facing over 25 cases, disqualification from Parliament, and eviction from his official residence. That is the price he has paid for speaking truth to power," said Tagore.

The Congress party does not need lectures on fighting the BJP, he asserted.

J&K

LeT module busted, 2 Pak terrorists nabbed

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

JAMMU and Kashmir police has busted an interstate Lashkar-e-Toiba module by arresting two Pakistani terrorists, who were on run for 16 years, and three Srinagar residents. The Pakistani terrorists were arrested from a village in Punjab.

4 AK-47 rifles

Security forces have recovered four AK-47 rifles, pistols, hand grenades, electronic equipment, mobiles and laptops.

The busting of the LeT module comes months after J&K police in coordination with other agencies unearthed an interstate white-collar terror network linked to the November 11 Delhi blast.

Pakistani terrorists—Abu Huraira and his aide Usman alias Khubab—had infiltrated 16 years back and set up a base in Srinagar. "They were facilitated by some locals, who provided safe hideouts and financial support to LeT terrorists. The two were evading security agencies for 16 years," police said.

The terror module was busted after police during investigation detained many people, including a woman, for questioning. "Police have formally arrested three Srinagar residents. The trio had divulged information about Abu Huraira and Khubab," the source said.

J&K police in association with other agencies conducted searches at 19 locations.

Drug ring with Pak link unearthed in Gujarat

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

A joint operation by Gujarat and Rajasthan ATS has cracked open an international drug smuggling route, with the arrest of two couriers on NH-68 and seizure of methamphetamine worth ₹25 crore. The operation exposed a Pakistan network using digital trails to run cross-border narcotics trade.

The breakthrough came after Gujarat ATS received confidential inputs. ATS teams fanned out and sealed key stretches of NH-68, which links Jaisalmer to Banaskantha. Around 6 pm on April 6, a suspicious vehicle rolled into the trap. A yellow bag inside the vehicle revealed a cache of suspicious substance, raising red flags.

The net tightened further as two occupants Shankarram Rameshram and Salman Lalakhan, both residents of Barmer, were detained. "The seized substance was confirmed to be methamphetamine, a banned synthetic drug worth nearly ₹25 crore," an ATS official said.

Investigators uncovered that the consignment had been dropped in Barmer by a Pakistan-based handler.

'Optimism replaces atmosphere of fear'

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

CM Vishnu Deo Sai meets PM Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Wednesday | x

CHHATTISGARH Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai on Tuesday met Prime Minister Narendra Modi to present a transformative vision for the Bastar region, marking a definitive shift from its history of conflict toward a future of innovation and economic prosperity.

During the meeting, CM Sai expressed gratitude for the PM's leadership in restoring of peace in the region. He declared that Naxalism has been effectively eliminated across Chhattisgarh, including its former stronghold of Bastar, replacing an "atmosphere of fear" with one of optimism.

The CM's comprehensive blueprint for the region is built upon a core strategic framework: Saturate, Connect, Facilitate, Empower, and Engage. This roadmap aims to integrate previously isolated tribal villages into the mainstream economy through massive infrastructure investments.

Key highlights of the infrastructure plan include roads & bridges, connectivity and energy. Beyond physical infrastructure, the CM emphasised a "holistic growth" model that prioritises education, healthcare, and the modern economy. The plan outlines the development of "Education Cities," super-specialty hospitals, and the conversion of 45 makeshift 'Pota Cabin' schools into permanent, modern buildings.

To foster a new economic identity for Bastar, the state government is pushing for a robust start-up ecosystem and enhanced tourism initiatives. The vision also includes construction of 15 new stadiums and multi-purpose halls to engage the region's youth and promote sports development.

The CM invited PM Modi to visit Bastar after the monsoon season. During the visit, the PM will lay foundation stones for several mega-projects and inaugurate key initiatives already in motion.

For a cause: Former CM turns poha seller to support roadside vendors

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

Protest against civic body

At Tikamgarh in Madhya Pradesh, former Madhya Pradesh chief minister Uma Bharti stood beside a small roadside stall and served hot poha on Tuesday morning in protest against the municipal authorities' removal of roadside vendors. Vendors gathered around her, some relieved, while others still anxious.

IN a striking scene in Tikamgarh in Madhya Pradesh, former chief minister Uma Bharti stood beside a small roadside stall and began serving hot poha on Tuesday morning. That was her style of protesting municipal authorities' removal of roadside vendors.

The 66-year-old saffron-clad leader chose the Civil Lines area to stage her protest. Just a day earlier, the municipality had removed vendors as part of an encroachment drive. Broken carts and scattered utensils still marked the streets.

"I've talked to the administrative head of the Nagar Palika," she said while handing a plate to a customer, "and he has assured me to halt the campaign immediately."

Vendors gathered around her, some relieved, others still anxious. Many depend on daily earnings. "These small vendors work hard all day just to support their families," she added. "Such actions are inhumane."

She pointed toward the stretch leading to the collectorate. "From here to the collectorate, people survive through these carts. The way coconut water sellers and poha vendors were treated is very sad."

Bharti demanded that vendors be allowed to continue working at their current spots. She confirmed speaking with Mohan Yadav and state BJP chief Hemant Khandelwal.

Police presence remained heavy as crowds grew and political attention intensified. The protest became a talking point across town.

"I've also spoken to the vendors. They have assured cleanliness." Then she raised a pressing question. "What happens next will depend on the Nagar Palika's meeting."

Wife floats political party, but Sidhu still with Cong

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

AHEAD of the 2027 assembly elections in Punjab, former MLA Dr Navjot Kaur Sidhu, wife of cricketer-cum-politician Navjot Singh Sidhu, has launched her own political outfit, the Bhartiya Rashtrawadi Party (BRP), barely two months after her expulsion from the Congress for alleged anti-party activities.

Observers suggest that the formation of the BRP could further fragment opposition votes ahead of the polls.

The "much-awaited announcement," Kaur wrote on X, had been under consideration for some time. She wrote, "... Just wanting to dedicate our lives to our country, giving back to the people what they truly deserve and expect from us."

Her message invoked spirituality and collective purpose, highlighting themes of justice, peace, and moral leadership.

Kaur, a doctor and cancer survivor, previously served as Chief Parliamentary Secretary for Health after winning Amritsar East seat in 2012. A couple of months ago, Kaur was first suspended and later expelled from the Congress after she criticised Rahul Gandhi and Punjab Congress chief Amarinder Singh Raja Warring over her remark that "one who gives a ₹500 crore suitcase becomes the Congress Chief Minister."

The role of her husband, Navjot Singh Sidhu, in the new party remains unclear. Some observers believe he may continue focusing on his showbiz and cricket commentary. His X handle still features Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi, whom he has often described as his mentors.

PATNA DIARY

RAMASHANKAR

Our correspondent in Bihar

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Bihar BJP chief invokes Vajpayee's statement

"Darkness will dissipate, the sun will emerge and the lotus will bloom" is the statement of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, which Bihar BJP president Sanjay Saraogi reiterated on the BJP's 47th foundation day in Patna. He clearly indicated that soon the top post of power in Bihar, i.e., the post of Chief Minister, will be occupied by the BJP. It will be for the first time in the Hindi heartland that the BJP will have its own chief minister, even though it remained in power for almost two decades. But the moot question is whether there has been darkness in Bihar till now.

Student accidentally gets drunk in school

Prohibition in Bihar has always been a matter of debate. But what is more shocking is that even students get drunk in schools. Police have recovered a huge quantity of liquor from a primary government school in Begusarai district. As the audacity of bootleggers knows no bounds, the school toilet virtually turned into a liquor warehouse. The matter came to light when, mistaking it for a soft drink, a student accidentally drank the liquor stored in the school toilet, after which his health deteriorated. Later, he was admitted to a local hospital for treatment. Police recovered 25 cartons of illicit liquor from the toilet. Earlier, there had been reports of many teachers visiting schools in a drunken state.

Direct flights for Dubai, Bangkok, Kathmandu

Bihar flyers have reasons to rejoice. Former union minister and Patna Sahib MP Ravi Shankar Prasad has announced that the 'double-engine' government is seriously considering launching international flight services from Jayaprakash International Airport, also known as Patna airport, to key destinations such as Dubai, Bangkok and Kathmandu. He said that he held discussions with Deputy CM Samrat Choudhary on the issue. The government may offer financial incentives or rebates to airlines to encourage direct international connectivity. This will help flyers to board direct flights from Patna instead of travelling to other airports.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that our client intends to purchase Property bearing **No.24** bearing BBMP E-Khatha Property No.24, Old PID No.82-24-24, New Ward No.80, Hoysala Nagar, (Old Ward No.82) measuring East to West **60 feet** (equivalent to 18.28 Meters); North to South **40 feet** (equivalent to 12.19 Meters) in all measuring **2400 Square feet** (equivalent to 222 Meters) along with a Residential Building standing thereon comprising of Ground floor measuring 1300 Square feet and First floor measuring 1200 Square feet situated at **2nd Cross, 2nd Stage, Binnamangala Bangalore - 560038,** and bounded on:

East by : House bearing No.15;
West by : Road;
North by : House bearing No.23;
South by : House bearing No.25;

from its owners **(i) Mrs.Y.Vasanthi Rau, (ii) Mrs.Vijaya Gowri Y and (iii) Mr.Ravikrishna Yendamuri.**

Persons having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within **10 days** from the date of this publication, to the undersigned.

K. V. Narendra & Associates,
Advocates and Legal Consultants,
No.557, 2nd Floor, 9th A Main,
Indiranagar, Bangalore - 560038.
Ph: 9945109229 / 9591067392.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General Public that my client **SHRI. MANU S N,** S/o Narasegowda K, Aged 33 years, R/at No. 23, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Opp Ashwini School, Byraveshwaranagar Laggaere, Bangalore North, Bangalore City-560058, has lost/misplaced Original **Sale Deed dated 12/02/2008, executed by Shri. Rangaswamaya, in favour of Shri. Yogesh registered vide Document No. DSP-1-08229/2007-08 Of Book I, Stored in CD No. DSPD19, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Dasanpura, Bangalore** and in this regard he has reported the loss of original document to Bengaluru City Police vide Lost report No.2143841/2026 on 07.04.2026. Has lost/misplaced Original **Mortgage Deed dated 10/08/2015 executed by Shri. Yogesh in favour of Smt. M. P. Lakshmi registered vide Document No. MDL-1-03098/2015-16 of Book I, stored in CD No. MDLD190, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Madanayakanahalli** and in this regard he has reported the loss of original document to Bengaluru City Police vide Lost report No.2143877/2026 on 07.04.2026. **Discharge Deed dated 27.10.2016 executed by Smt. M. P. Lakshmi in favour Shri. Yogesh of registered vide Document No. LAG-1-02505/2016-17 of Book I, stored in CD No. LAGD253, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Laggere** and in this regard he has reported the loss of original document to Bengaluru City Police vide Lost report No.2143902/2026 on 07.04.2026 with respect to the residential property bearing Site No. 16, gramatana No. 9/2, situated at Dombarahalli Village, Dasanpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore.

Finders of the said original documents are requested to hand over the same to undersigned and if any persons having any objections or claims in respect of the said document may with documentary evidence lodge their objections or claims within **7 days** from the date of this notice to the undersigned, failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims and objections.

Shri. Naveen Kumar G, Advocate,
M/s. Adwaya Associates, No. 41/1,
2nd floor, 2nd Main, 3rd Cross, Bazar Street,
Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-560 018.

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL- 1

BSNL Building 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru- 560 001

O.A. No. 1131/2022

Between:HDFC Bank Ltd., Having Branch Office at, Municipal No. 3/1, Ground Floor, Rashtrothana Bhavan, Ward No. 77, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore - 560 001. **...Applicant**

And:

1.Ramesha B. S. aged Major, No. 2769/1, 1st Floor, 13th Main, E Block, 2nd Stage, Rajajingar, Bangalore - 560 010

Also at : Mr. Ramesha B. S. , Bharatiya City Developers(P) Ltd., No. 1/5, Next to Atri Radishon Blue Hotel Palace Road, Bangalore - 560 001 **...Defendants**

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19, of Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions act, 1993, against the above defendnts for the recovery of a sum of **Rs.25,57,390.27** (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Ninety and Paise Twenty Seven Only) together with current and future interest and other relief's.

The above defendant is therefore, hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **19/06/2026 at 10:30 a.m.** as to why the relief's prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal this the **02.03.2026**

By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/-Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -1 Bangalore

IN THE COURT OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL- 1

BSNL Building 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru- 560 001

O.A. No. 2086/2024

Between:HDFC Bank Ltd., **...Applicant**

And:

1.M. Sankara Raja S/o Mariy Appan, R/at No. 161, Near Hanumanthappa House, Seeggehalli, Bengaluru Rural, Kadkudi, Bangalore - 560 115, Karnataka.

2. Shankar Logistics, No. 161, Near Hanumanthappa House, Seeggehalli, Bengaluru Rural, Kadkudi, Bangalore - 560 115, Karnataka.

3. Smt. Sunmathi., W/o. Sri Shankar Raja, No. 161, Near Hanumanthappa House, Seeggehalli, Bengaluru Rural, Kadkudi, Bangalore - 560 115. **...Defendants**

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19, of Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions act, 1993, against the above defendnts for the recovery of a sum of **Rs.33,27,008/-** (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand and Eight Only) amount together with current and future interest and other relief's.

The above mentioned defendants are required to appear therefore, hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause on **30.04.2026 at 10:30 a.m.** as to why the relief's prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal this the **30.09.2025.**

By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/-Registrar-1
Debts Recovery Tribunal -1 Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients have proposed to develop all that piece and parcel of the immovable land bearing **Re-Survey nos. 74/3 & 74/2,** situated at Chitradurga Grama Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chitradurga Taluk, Chitradurga, as set out in the Schedule below, from **Sri. R. Hanumanthappa,** S/o. Late Rangappa & **Sri. H. Ranganath,** S/o. R. Hanumanthappa, who have represented themselves to be the joint absolute owners (self-acquired) in peaceful possession & enjoyment of the Schedule Properties.

Any other person/s having any claim on the schedule properties or any part thereof either by way of title, right, interest, lien, encumbrance, lis-pendence or charge of any nature including minor claims, agreement holder, easementary right holder & such other/s is / are called upon to notify the same to the under mentioned within seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice, with all documentary evidence supporting such claim, failing which it will be presumed that NO valid claim/s or objection/s subsists & my clients shall proceed to fully develop the schedule properties. Any objections / claims received thereafter will NOT be entertained NOR be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

1. All that piece and parcel of the land bearing **Re-Survey no. 74/3,** situated at Chitradurga Grama Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chitradurga Taluk, Chitradurga, measuring 03 acres 06 guntas, out of which 06 guntas being phut karab, a total extent of **03 acres** is alienated for residential use via order of the DC, DC office, Chitradurga dated 25/01/2021 on the application No. 192779 & bounded on the East: Re-Survey no. 31 & Re-Survey no. 78 (Boraiah's Land), West:Re-Survey no. 74/2 (H. Ranganath's Land), North: Re-Survey no. 62 (Eranna's Land), South: Re-Survey no. 33 (Government Forest).

2. All that piece and parcel of the land bearing **Re-Survey no. 74/2,** situated at Chitradurga Grama Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chitradurga Taluk, Chitradurga, measuring 03 acres 8 guntas, out of which 08 guntas being phut karab, a total extent of **03 acres** is alienated for residential use via order of the DC, DC office, Chitradurga dated 04/03/2021 on the application No. 192780 & bounded on the East: Re-Survey no. 74/3 (R. Hanumanthappa's Land), West: Block no. 1 Land, North: Re-Survey no. 62 (Eranna's Land), South: Re-Survey no. 33 (Government Forest).

Sd/- **Mr. GAUTHAM VASUDEV,** Advocate,
101/1, "Aprameya", 11th cross, 8th main,
Malleswaram, Bangalore - 560 003.

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (through https://ireps.gov.in) PUB/021

CE/C-V/SC & CE/C-IV Construction Organisation, S.C.Railway, Secunderabad, respectively, invites e-tender on behalf of the President of India for the following works:

SNo 1 NIT No EPC-07-CAO- C-SC-2026 Date: 24/03/2026 **Name of work** South Central Railway (Construction Organization): Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contract for "Doubling of Track between Aurangabad Station & Gevrai Station including Electrification and Signalling and Augmentation of existing 1x25 kV TSS/SSP/SP to suit proposed second line works in connection with Aurangabad-Parbhani Doubling Project of South Central Railway in the State of Maharashtra" **Details - Estimated Cost:** Rs. 410,69,21,680.69 **EMD:** Rs. 2,00,00,000.00 **Completion Period:** 30 (Thirty)Months. **Date of Opening:** 26/05/2026 15:00hrs.

SNo. 2 NIT No 18-CAO- C-SC- 2026 Date: 31/03/2026 **Name of work** SCR Construction-Vijayawada Division: SW:1 Proposed Construction of new Road Over Bridge in Lieu of LC No. 365 near Chebrol station yard. SW:2 Proposed Construction of new Road Over Bridge in Lieu of LC No.369 near Badampudi station Yard. SW:3 Proposed Construction of new Road Over Bridge in Lieu of LC No. 376 in between Navabpalem and Tadepalligudem Stations. SW:4 Proposed Construction of new Foot Over Bridge (FOB) for Public Crossing at LC No. 365(near Chebrol yard) and at LC No. 369 (near Badampudi Yard). SW:5 Construction of Camp Office. **Details-Estimated Cost:** Rs. 192,48,87,022.01 **EMD:** Rs. 3,84,97,800.00 **Completion Period:** 24 (Twenty Four) Months. **Date of Opening:** 22/04/2026 15:00hrs

i) For bid document and other details, please login to website **https://ireps.gov.in.** ii) Tenderers can submit their offers online during tender submission period which is the Fifteen days period prior to closing of tender. iii) Tenderers should watch for any corrigenda (issued online only) up to the date of commencement of the tender submission period.

Dy. CE/C/Plg/Secunderabad

Open e-Tender Notice No. Dy.CE/TM/Lines/02/2026 dt.06.04.2026 PUB/022

For and on behalf of the President of India, the undersigned invites E-Tenders for the following works up to **15-00** hours and the date mentioned against each.

Sl. No. 1 Tender No. E-2-TM-LINES-BZA-2026 **Details of Work Name of work** Strengthening, modification, Technical up-gradation, including provision of Smart ALC, re-wiring and commissioning of 4 numbers Old 09-32 CSM tamping machines(CSM- 904, CSM-930, CSM-940 &CSM-948) **Period of completion** 18(Eighteen Months) **Tender value Rs.** 26,47,68,282/- **E.M.D. Rs.** 52,95,400./- **Date of closing** 05.05.2026

1) Tender conditions/other particulars such as the details of Name of work in full, the similar nature of the above works, eligibility criteria etc., are available in the Tender documents published in website at **"www.ireps.gov.in".** 2) The prospective tenderers are advised to visit website **"www.ireps.gov.in".** before the date of tender closing to note any changes/corrigenda for any tender. 3) The Tender Notice is also displayed in the Notice Board located in the office of Divisional Railway Manager (Works), S.C.Railway, Vijayawada and ADEN sub-divisional offices of Vijayawada Division which can be seen. 4) The Railway reserves the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereto.

Visit our site at **"www.ireps.gov.in"**

A028 **Dy.CE/TM/Lines/Vijayawada**

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that **SRI.SRINIVAS MURTHY.K S/o.Sri.G. Krishnappa** is the owner of immovable property mentioned in the schedule hereunder and he has lost the original Sale Deed dated 27/12/2001 bearing Document No.6107 /2001-02, Book-I, executed by M/s.Omkar Estate private Limited represented by managing Director Sri.Tallam.V Nagaraj in favour of Sri.R.V.Narayana Swamy Reddy registered in the office of sub registrar, Anekal, In case anybody having any claims or in possession of the said document, shall inform the under singed and handover the same within SEVEN DAYS from the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the owner of the residential bearing **Site No.473,** E-Swathu No. 150200103200600357, in the layout known as **"OMKAR NAGAR",** Old Katha No.151/160/473, V.P.Katha No.151/100/473 &, Formed Sy No.26, duly converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide conversion order No.ALN/SR(A)/28/2000-01, dated 17.12.2000 Assistant Commissioner, Bangalore South District, situated at Hennagara Hosahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, measuring East to West: 40 Feet and North to South: 30 Feet in all measuring 1200 Sq.ft., and bounded on: **East by :** Omkar layout Road, **West by :** Site No.458, **North By :** Site No.472, **South by :** Site No.474,

N. JAGADEESH KUMAR, Advocate
No.30/1, 2nd Floor, 7th Cross, Near NR Colony-Bus Stand, Opp. Hotel Dwaraka, Bangalore-19.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client proposed to purchase the Schedule Property from **Sri.P.S.Divakar and Smt. P.D. Mamatha,** Both are R/at No. 107, 39th A Cross, 6th Main, 5th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560041.

That if any person/s, Bank/s, Authorities have any objections for the proposed sale transactions or claims any kind whatsoever on the schedule property may lodge their claims/objections with documentary proof within (7) Seven days from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned, thereafter my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction and any claims received thereafter will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of Property bearing No. 1826, then New No. 17, Municipal No. 1826/17, E-PID No.3664627624, 41st Cross Road, 9th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru, Now comes under BBMP Limits, Ward No. 170, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet totally 1200 sq feet along with building thereon with all civic amenities and bounded on: East by: Site No. 1827, West by: Site No. 1825, North by: Site No. 1852, South by: 41st cross Road

GIRISH, Advocate
No.29/30, 58th Cross, 4th Block,
Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010.
Mobile:9845540992, Date: 07-04-2026

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SD SAMPATH,** S/o Sri S.David, age 50 years, R/at No. 301, Mar's Residency, Opp. to Ganesha Temple, SG Palya, CV Raman Nagar, Bangalore-560 093 do hereby declare that my correct name is **SD SAMPATH** and the same is mentioned in Election ID and Aadhar Card, but in my passport my name is wrongly mentioned as SAMPATH instead of **SD SAMPATH,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SD SAMPATH** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 07-04-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G. RAJENDRA** at Bangalore.

IN THE COURT OF THE VI ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE (CCH-II) AT BANGALORE

ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 2519 OF 2025

BETWEEN:
ICICI Bank Ltd.,
A body corporate incorporated And registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having Registered Office at: "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390007. And having its Regional office at ICICI Bank Ltd.. No. 4/10, 1st Floor, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Road, Bangalore - 560 068, And represented by its POA holder and Manager Mr. Harish E, S/o Eshwar: 37 years. ...PLAINTIFF
AND:
Mr. NAVEEN VERNEKAR ...DEFENDANT

Summons to The Defendant By Way of Paper Publication U/o 5 Rule 20 of CPC

To,
Defendant:
Mr. NAVEEN VERNEKAR
Aged about 42 years,
Son of Vernekar Manohar,
R/o f. No.26, Krishna Prabha Nilaym, 2nd Cross, Krishnappa Layout, Sanjynagar, Bangalore-560094.

Whereas the Plaintiff above named has filed a suit under Order VII Rule 1 & 2 of the Civil Procedure Code for recovery of Rs.10,39,551/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand Five Hundred and fifty one Only) together with interest at the rate 18% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court (CCH-11), in person or by a pleader on the 03.06.2026 at 11:00 am to show cause against suit and failing wherein the suit will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this 27th day of March 2026.

By the order of the court
Senior Sheristedar
City Civil Court,
Bangalore

Advocates for Plaintiff
S.M. ANEES AHAMED,
B.M. KUSHALAPPA, Advocates,
No.4 (10/2), West Park Road,
Kumara Park East,
Bangalore- 560001.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the General Public that my client **SRI. G. NELSON MARTIN** Son of Sri. G.S. Martin, has lost the original of Sale deed dated 09.05.1975 executed by Sri. V. Chandrasekharan and Sri. N. Venugopal in favour of Sri. S. Damodaran, which is registered as document No.885/1975-76 of Book-I, Volume-1153 at the pages 113 to 116 in the office of Sub-registrar, Bengaluru South Taluk pertaining to the property Site No.6 and Original of Sale deed dated 16.05.1975 executed by Sri. V. Chandrasekharan and Sri. N. Venugopal in favour of Smt. Krishnaveni, which is registered as document No.1021/1975-76 of Book-I, Volume-1156 at the pages 25 to 27 in the office of Sub-registrar, Bengaluru South Taluk pertaining to the property Site No.7, both properties are situated at Kowdenahalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, now Bengaluru East Taluk about some months back in transit.

In case the same are traced by anybody they should hand over the same to the undersigned and also in case anybody is having any claim, charge or interest over the said property, they shall lodge their objections with the undersigned within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of Publication of this Notice.

D.S. BHAT, Advocate,
M/S BHAT ASSOCIATES, 1st Main, 5th Cross,
Yeshwanthpur, BENGALURU - 560 022.
Mob. : 9916994581
BENGALURU, DATE : 07.04.2026

MANDYA DIST. CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCER'S SOCIETIES UNION LTD.,

Tele: 08232 – 274571, E-Mail:manmulpurchase@gmail.com

IFT NO: MMU/PUR/E-Procu./Tender - 02/2026-27 Date: 04.04.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-procurement portal only)

Mandya Milk Union Ltd. invites e-Tenders for **1.** Design, Supply, Installation, Testing And Commissioning Of Centralized Server IP Based CCTV Security Surveillance System To BMC Centers Of MANMUL – 01 Job **2.** Supply Installation & Commissioning of 1000 LPH RO Plant - 26 No. The bidders can download the documents from **06.04.2026** and Last date for the submission of tender is **20.05.2026 at 15.00 hrs**, Date of opening of Technical tender **21.05.2026 after 15.30 hrs** & the Commercial Bid opening will be intimated. Interested bidders may download bidding documents from the e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and also contact helpline No: 080-25501227/25501216, **e-mail:hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com.** **Note:** For more information contact Manager (Purchase) Mob: 9513888247

Sd/-
MANAGING DIRECTOR

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow (hereinafter referred to as the **"Institute"**) is committed to providing efficient, state-of-the-art services for which efficient and skilled manpower having in-depth knowledge of their respective subjects is required.

The Institute offers postgraduate medical training and operates a tertiary-care referral hospital that provides affordable medical care. It caters to patients referred not only from the entire State of Uttar Pradesh and neighbouring States such as Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand, Odisha, and West Bengal, but also from across India and neighbouring countries including Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, and several Middle Eastern countries. The Institute is also emerging as a destination for medical tourism.

This autonomous Institute is a University established by the **Government of Uttar Pradesh.** Located on a sprawling 550-acre campus, the Institute awards its own degrees, which are duly recognized by the **National Medical Commission.** It offers DM, MCh, MD, PhD, post-doctoral fellowships and post-doctoral certificate courses, senior residency in various specialties, as well as paramedical and allied health sciences programmes, including College of Nursing courses.

The Institute presently has **275 faculty members across 37 academic departments** engaged in teaching, training, patient care and research. To ensure optimal healthcare delivery, non-academic support wings such as paramedical services, hospital services, engineering, and ministerial/secretarial services provide essential inputs to the management of patient-care services.

The Institute is in the process of recruiting various categories of support staff and anticipates receiving approximately **1,00,000 applications** for the said examination. To facilitate this, the Institute intends to **empanel Government Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs)** for providing **Online Examination Services (Computer Based Test)** for conduct and processing of various examinations.

The Institute hereby invites **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)** from interested **Government PSUs** for empanelment for **"Online Examination Services (Computer Based Test): Conduct and Processing of Various Examinations of Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow."**

The relevant documents regarding Scope of work are available on the Institute's website **www.sgpgims.org.in.**

The interested Government PSUs are required to send their proposals, **addressed to the Director,** to the Institute through **Registered Post/Speed Post/Courier** to the following address **on or before 28.04.2026, 05:00 PM.**

RSD Cell, Room No. 101, Administrative Block,
Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences,
Lucknow- 226014, Uttar Pradesh

The Institute shall not be responsible for any postal delay and will not entertain any proposals received **after the prescribed date and time**.

Hence, those bidders who have submitted their offer against EOI ref. no. I/51/Contract Cell/Online Exam. Various Services/2025-26 dated 26.02.2026 need not to submit again.

The proposal so received shall be duly reviewed by the Institute, and invite the suitable Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) for Power Point presentation on fixed date and time, which will be communicated separately.

Advt. No. I/01/Contract Cell/Online Exam. Various Services/2026-27
DIRECTOR

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Retail Assets Central Processing Centre Shankarapuram (64063)
3rd Floor No. 13/1, Kanaka's Pride Bull temple Road,
Opp: Ramakrishna Mutt, Shankarapuram Bengaluru- 560004
Tel: 080- 25943006-25943007/ Email: sbi.64063@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property) [Rule 8(1)]

A/C: No's. 41368634671/41373778106/DRS

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of the **STATE BANK OF INDIA, Retail Assets Central Processing Centre Shankarapuram, Bangalore,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Issued a **Demand Notice dated: 31.12.2025 & Published in Newspaper on 30.01.2026** calling upon the **Borrowers : 1. Mrs. KAMAL DAS SINHG W/O PRIYANS SINGH & 2. Mr. PRIYANS SINGH S/O JAWAHAR SINGH # Both are Res@ No. 166/22/1, OLD NO. 237/2, Anjaneya Temple Road, Near Ward Office & Govt. Electric Factory, Avalahalli Bengaluru -560026, Also, at: FLAT No. 319, 3rd Floor, "DS MAX SONATA NES" Chikkabanavara Guddahalli Bengaluru-560090,** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 26,97,962/- (Rupees Twenty-six Lakh Ninety-seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-two Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the **undersigned has taken possession of the property** described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub of Section 4 of Section, 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on this. **06.04.2026**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount **Rs.26,83,355/- as on 06.04.2026 and interest from 06.04.2026** and charges thereon, till the realization of the dues. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of, time available to redeem the secured Assets.

DETAILS OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : SCHEDULE 'A'PROPERTY

ITEM NO. 1: All that piece and parcel of undeveloped converted land property bearing Sy No. 28/3, which measuring 27"guntas, [Conversion Order dated 28.11.2017, bearing No. ALN: (IN) (Y) SR:32/2017-18, for Residential purposes, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore] Having BBMP Khatha No. 14, PID No. 28/3, situated at Chikkasandra Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on: **East by:** Land bearing Sy. No. 29 & 30, **West by:** Land bearing Sy. No. 28/4, 28/5 & 28/6, **North by:** Land bearing Sy. No. 32, **South by:** Land bearing Sy. No. 28/1 and Road.

ITEM NO. II: All that piece and parcel of undeveloped converted land property bearing Sy No. 24/4, measuring 08.08 guntas, [Conversion Order dated 06.11.2019, bearing No. ALN:(N) (Y)SR:13/2019- 20, for Residential personal Housing, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore] Sy. No. 28/5, which measuring 08.08 guntas, [Conversion Order dated 06.11.2019, bearing No. ALN:(N) (Y) SR:14/2019-20, for Residential personal Housing Issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore], Sy. No. 28/6, measuring 09 guntas, [Conversion Order dated06.11.2019, bearing No. ALN:(N) (Y) SR:15/2019-20, for Residential personal Housing, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore] Sy. No. 28/6, measuring 09 guntas. [Conversion Order dated 06.11.2019, bearing No. ALN: (N) (Y) SR:15/2019-20, for Residential personal Housing, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore] situated Chikkasandra Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, totally measuring 26 guntas, [The Khatha of earlier land owner is Sy. No. 28/4, PID No. 20, Sy. No. 28/5, PID No. 21, Sy. No.28/6, PID No. 22] and bounded on: **East by:** Land of Sy. No. 28/3, **West by:** Land of Sy. No. 28/2, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Land of Sy. No. 28/1.

COMPOSITE SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of undeveloped converted land property bearing Sy. No. 28/3 which measuring 27 guntas, [Conversion Order dated 06.11.2019, bearing No. ALN:(N)(Y) SR:13/2019-20, for Residential purposes, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore] Having BBMP Khatha No. 14, PID No. 28/3, situated at Chikkasandra village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore [Schedule Item No. I property and All that piece and parcel of undeveloped converted land property bearing Sy. No. 28/4, measuring 08.08 guntas, [Conversion Order No. ALN: (N) (Y) SR:13/2019-20, for Residential personal Housing, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore], Sy. No. 28/5, which measuring 08.08 guntas, [Conversion Order No. ALN:(N)(Y) SR:14/2019-20, for Residential personal Housing, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore] Sy. No. 28/6, measuring 09 guntas, [Conversion Order No. ALN:(N)(Y) SR:15/2019-20, for Residential personal Housing, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore], Having Previous Owners BBMP Khatha No. Sy. No.28/4, PID No.20, Sy. No. 28/5 PID No.21, Sy. No. 28/6 PID No.22, situated at Chikkasandra Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Measuring in 26 Guntas, TOTALLY COMPRISING OF 01 ACRE 13 GUNTAS, and bounded on: **East by:** land bearing Sy. No. 30, **West By:** Land bearing Sy. No. 28/2, **North by:** Road & Land bearing Sy. No. 32, **South by:** Land bearing Sy No. 28/1 and Road.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

314 Square Feet of undivided share in Land on the Composite Schedule A Property

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY

Flat bearing No. 319 in THIRD FLOOR constructed over the Schedule 'A' property contains 2 BHK Bed room, Kitchen, Dinning, Toilets, Living room, with one car parking bearing No. 319, and the Flat the super built up area measuring 1014 Sq.ft (the carpet Area 659 Sq.ft) of the Apartment Known as "DS-MAX SONATA NEST" along with water and electricity together with common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircase and other areas for common use.

Place : Bangalore
Date : *06.04.2026* **Sd/- Authorised Officer, STATE BANK OF INDIA**

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No. 465/A, 22nd Cross, 3rd Block, Opp.: NMKRV College for Women, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560011, Tele : 080-4656 1236,
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Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties (Appendix IV-A)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s & Guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to **Bank of Maharashtra**, the Possession of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Maharashtra, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 14.05.2026,** for recovery of the balance due to the Bank of Maharashtra from the Borrower(s) as mentioned in the table. Details of Borrower/s & Guarantor/s, amount due, Short description of the immovable property and encumbrances known thereon, possession type, reserve price and the earnest money deposit are also given as under –

Sr. No.	Name and address of Borrower/s & Guarantor/s	Short description of immovable property	O/S Dues as on 05-04-2026 / Possession Type / Encumbrances	Reserve Price / EMD / Bid incremental Amount
1.	**Basavangudi Branch, Bangalore (Mobile : 8695792893)** **Borrower/s :** **M Mr. Abhishek M** No. 1984, 28th Cross, 6th Main, Deepa Complex, D Group Layout Bangalore – 560 091 **Mrs. Sowbhagya** No. 1984, 28th Cross, 6th Main, Deepa Complex, D Group Layout Bangalore – 560 091	All that piece and parcel of Residential property bearing Site No.40 (Old No. 244), Assessment No.42, New Assessment No.107/1A1, Khata No.369116 admeasuring area 2310 sq. ft. (East to West: 60.00 ft. and North to South: 38.5 ft.) lying and situated at Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Ward No. 129, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bangalore- 560056 and the property is butted and bounded as under-On or towards **East :** By Site No.39. On or towards **West :** By Site No.41. On or towards **North :** By Road. On or towards **South :** By Private Property.	**Rs.1,33,34,781.00 (Rupees One Crore Thirty Three Thousand Thirty Four Thousand Seven Eighty One Only) plus further interest w.e.f. 06.04.2026 plus all costs, penalty, charges and expenses or other incidental charges thereof** **Physical** **NIL**	**Rs. 249.48 Lakh** **10 % of Reserve Price** **Rs. 50,000/-**

◆ **Date of E-Auction & Time : 14-05-2026 between 11.00 am to 2.00 pm.**
◆ **Property Inspection Date & Time : 27-04-2026 to 02-05-2026 with prior appointment (except holidays).**
◆ **Last Date & Time for submission of Bid / EMD : 14-05-2026 upto 2.00 pm.**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Website of **Bank of Maharashtra i.e., "https://www.bankofmaharashtra.in/properties for sale" & "https://baanknet.com".**

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002

The Borrower/s and Guarantor/s above named are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date : 06-04-2026 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Bank of Maharashtra, Bangalore Zone**

Canara Bank
A Government of India Undertaking

ARM Branch– II, 2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No.86, M G Road, Bengaluru-560001.
Telephone numbers 080-25310181 – e-mail – cb6298@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described Immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-2 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 29.04.2026 from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. [with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of sale],** through E-Auction under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **28.04.2026.**

(₹. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Borrower Name/ Description of the movable / immovable assets	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Details and Full Description of the Property	Reserve Price & EMD
1.	**(1) M/s Sree Hanuman Enterprises,** K No. 1803/6/35, Near Jnanabhodini School, Pavagada Taluk, Tumkur-561202. **(2) Sri G N Sanjivareddy** S/o Narasimhappa, Near Jnanabhadini School, Gundaralahalli Village, Pavagada Taluk, Tumakuru-561202. **(3) Smt. Eshwaramma** W/o Sanjeeva Reddy, Near Jnanabhodini School, Gundaralahalli Village, Pavagada Taluk, Tumakuru-561202.	**Rs. 67,19,380.71 (Rupees Sixty Seven Lakhs Nineteen Thousand Three hundred Eighty and Seventy One paisa only) plus further interest thereon from 03.04.2026 along with expenses, other charges, etc.**	AC sheet roofed commercial Building consists of Ground floor constructed in sites bearing: **SITE No.32 :** Formed in Sy No 6,Khata No 1803/6/1/32(old khata No.1803/6 and later on Khata No.1803/6/32),PID No.10-501-32/16,measuring NS 9.12 meter and EW 12.14 meter, Total Area 1200 Sq.ft, Bounded on East : Road, West : Park, North : Road, South : Site No 35. **Owner Name: Mrs.Eshwaramma.** **SITE No.35 :** Formed in Sy No 6,Khata No 1803/6/1/35(old khata No.1803/6 and later on Khata No.1803/6/35),PID No.10-501-35/17,measuring NS 9.12 meter and EW 12.14 meter, Total Area 1200 Sq.ft, Bounded on East : Road, West : Park, North : Site no 32, South : Road. **Owner Name:Mrs.Eshwaramma** **SITE No.36 :** Formed in Sy No 6,Khata No 1803/6/1/36(old khata No.1803/6 and later on Khata No.1803/6/36),PID No.10-501-36/15,measuring NS 9.12 meter and EW 12.14 meter. Total Area 1200 Sq.ft, Bounded on East: Road, West : Park, North : Road, South : Site No.39. **Owner Name:Mrs.Eshwaramma** **SITE No.39 :** Formed in Sy No 6,Khata No 1803/6/1/39(old khata No.1803/6 and later on Khata No.1803/6/39),PID No.10-501-39/14, measuring NS 9.12 meter and EW 12.14 meter. Total Area 1200 Sq.ft, Bounded on East : Road, West : Park, North : Site No 36, South: Road **Owner Name:Mrs.Eshwaramma** Situated at 37/14, #T,1st Main, Ward No.23, Pavagada Taluk,Tumakuru, Karnataka-561202.	**Reserve Price Rs.86.00 Lakhs** **EMD Rs.8.60 Lakhs**
2.	**(1) Smt. Eshwaramma** W/o G N Sanjeeva Reddy Gundlaralahalli Village Kasaba Hobli, Pavagada Taluk District: Tumkur-561202. **Also at:** **(2) Smt. Eshwaramma** W/o G N Sanjeeva Reddy Sai Baba Temple Road Opposite Jnanabhodhini School Srinivasa Nagar, Pawagada Taluk District: Tumkur—561202. **(3) Sri G N Sanjeeva Reddy** S/o Narasimhappa Gundaralahalli Village Pavagada Taluk, District: Tumkur-561202.	**Rs. 1,04,92,999.68 (Rupees One Crore Four Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Nine and Sixty Eight paisa only) plus further interest thereon from 01.04.2026 and other expenses**	All that piece and parcel of RCC House on site bearing Khatha No. 19/2, Property No. 192/2, Property No. 152500600800701567 locate at Gundlarahally village, Kasaba hobli, Pavagada taluk, Tumkur district. Measuring East-West 60 Feet and North to South 60 feet. Total extent of site 3600 Sq.ft and property bounded as: East by: Galli & Site of Venkatareddy, West by: Site of D Rangappa, North by: Road, South by: Site of D Rangappa, **Owner of the Property: Smt.Eshwaramma**	**Reserve Price Rs.30.60 Lakhs** **EMD Rs.3.06 Lakhs**

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS : (a) Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website **https://baanknet.com/** Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings. **(b)** The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer. **(c)** The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process. **(d)** EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET) portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan. **(e)** After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before **28.04.2026**, to Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore by hand OR Email. **(i)** Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT Acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No. **(ii)** Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. (iii) Bid Form. The intending bidders should register their names at portal https://baanknet.com/ and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider, M/s.PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e- mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com. EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD/Sale proceeds shall not carry any interest. **(f)** Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiplies of **Sl.No.1 - Rs. 25,000/- & Sl.No.2 - Rs. 10,000/-.** The bidder who submits the highest bid (not below the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor. **(g)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorized Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. This amount shall be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, ARM II Branch OR shall be deposited through RTGS / NEFT / Fund Transfer to credit of account of **Canara Bank, ARM II Branch, A/c. No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0006298. (h)** For sale proceeds of Rs.50.00 Lakhs (Rupees Fifty lacs) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at a rate 1% or as applicable on the sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the bank. **(i)** All charges for Conveyance, Stamp Duty/GST/Registration Charges etc. As applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only. **(j)** Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the E-auction without assigning any reason thereof. **(k)** In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the E-auction, they can approach Canara Bank Circle office, Bengaluru or Canara Bank ARM II Branch, Bengaluru, who as a facilitating centre shall make necessary arrangements. **(l)** Bidder has to make due diligence and physical verification of property with regard to title, extent, area, dues, suits and cases etc. No claim subsequent to submission of bid shall be entertained by the bank. **(m)** After confirmation of sale, bidder's request cannot be accepted for refund of amount which is already paid and Bank will proceed as per SARFAESI Act.

For further details contact Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch-2- (9113092975, 8921102717, 9201460154, 9464534482, 8709675503 and 080-25310181) e-mail id – cb6298@canarabank.com OR the service provider M/s.PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) e- mail: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION / CAUTION

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back –up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Date : 07.04.2026 **Sd/- Authorised officer**
Place: Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

80 migrants are missing from a boat that capsized after leaving Libya

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	21	1	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	28	24	SNY	Melbourne	26	15	LC
Dhaka	31	19	SNY	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	21	SNY	New York	7	2	SNY
Houston	31	19	TDS	Singapore	28	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	1	-5	SNY
London	13	9	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

Israel pounds key infra in Iran, war near point of no return, says Qatar

Iran envoy to Pak says any talks must ensure war's permanent end

DUBAI

PRIME Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel struck on Tuesday railways and bridges in Iran "used by the Revolutionary Guards", after Iranian officials reported damage to at least two bridges and railway infrastructure.

"We are crushing the terror regime in Iran... with even greater vigour and with increasing force," Netanyahu said in a video released by his office.

The strikes came as Iran's Revolutionary Guards warned they would deprive the United States and its allies of oil and gas if Washington crossed Tehran's "red lines".

Trump had warned that unless Tehran allowed free passage through the strategic oil chokepoint by midnight GMT, the United States would unleash what he called the "complete demolition" of Iran's critical infrastructure, including bridges and power plants.

Iranian authorities reported a US-Israeli attack on a bridge outside Qom and a strike on a rail bridge in central Iran that killed two people.

Regional authorities also said that a US-Israeli strike shut down a key highway in northern Iran connecting the city of Tabriz with Tehran. The Mizan news agency reported a strike on railway tracks in Karaj, outside Tehran.

A man inspects the damage to cars and an apartment building struck by an Iranian missile in Ramat Gan in Israel on Tuesday| AP

Overnight, attacks on Saudi Arabia hit a petrochemical complex in a sprawling industrial area in the eastern city of Jubail, a witness who requested anonymity told AFP, hours after similar installations in Iran were struck.

WAR WATCH

Qatar warned the war in the Middle East was close to a threshold where it cannot be controlled after US President Donald Trump set a deadline for Iran to reopen the Strait of Hormuz."We have been warning since 2023 that escalation left unchecked will get us into a situation where it cannot be controlled and we are very close to that point," Qatar's foreign ministry spokesman Majed al-Ansari said.

Meanwhile, Iran's envoy to Islamabad Reza Amiri Moghadam said Pakistan-led peace efforts to end the US-Israeli war against Iran were approaching a "critical" stage.

Moghadam said Iran prioritises diplomacy but any negotiated outcome must ensure a permanent resolution to the conflict. *AP, AFP*

Mojtaba Khamenei in 'severe' condition

TEL AVIV

IRAN'S Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei is unconscious and being treated for a "severe" medical issue, rendering him unable to govern the country, *Times of Israel* reported according to an intelligence assessment obtained by *The Times* British news outlet on Tuesday.

"Mojtaba Khamenei is being treated in [the Iranian city of] Qom in a severe condition, unable to be involved in any decision-making by the regime," read a diplomatic memo, which The Times said is based on US-Israeli intelligence and shared with their Gulf allies.

It marked the first time a report has revealed Khamenei's location publicly since the beginning of the war. He is believed to have been wounded in the opening wave of US-Israeli strikes on February 28.

The document also revealed preparations for the burial of his father and former supreme leader Ali Khamenei in Qom — considered a holy city in Shi'ite Islam — after he was killed in the same strikes that launched the fighting.

Intelligence agencies surmised preparations were underway to lay the "groundworks needed to build a large mausoleum in Qom," south of Tehran for "more than one grave," the memo read. The memo apparently implied that other family members — possibly Mojtaba himself — would be buried alongside the late ayatollah. Since being chosen to lead Iran, the younger Khamenei has not been seen or heard from. In the weeks after the regime confirmed that Khamenei was wounded in the same airstrike that killed his father, mother, wife and son, state media began to release written statements purportedly authored by the 56-year-old leader. On March 23, American and Israeli security officials told The Washington Post that Khamenei was "wounded, isolated and not responding to messages.

ASIA MATTERS

INDONESIA

25% PAY CUT FOR MINISTERS IN THE OFFING

Indonesian government will discuss a proposal to cut ministers' salaries in the coming days as part of budget efficiency efforts, Cabinet Secretary Teddy Indra Wijaya said. Speaking at the Presidential Palace in Jakarta on Tuesday, Teddy said the plan would be discussed further in an upcoming meeting. "The proposals will be discussed in the next few days," he said, stressing that no decision has been made. Finance Minister Purbaya Yudhi Sadewa has expressed support for the proposal, though he said the final decision rests with President Prabowo Subianto.

MALAYSIA

MEDICINE STOCKPILE AMID GULF CONFLICT

The government will establish a national strategic buffer stock to ensure supply of medicines and medical devices following the conflict in West Asia. Economy Minister Akmal Nasir said this is among robust measures for the medium and long term, in addition to transitioning from the use of raw resin to polymers for products.

THAILAND

DRUG LORD DEPORTED FROM S KOREA

South Korean authorities deported to Thailand on Tuesday a man accused of running a major drug trafficking operation who had evaded arrest for years, Seoul's spy agency said. The 43-year-old Thai suspect was arrested on Monday at a hotel in Seoul's affluent Gangnam district at the request of Thailand's Office of the Narcotics Control Board, South Korea's National Intelligence Service (NIS) said. The suspect's organisation is believed to have trafficked narcotics and several proscribed drugs across Thailand and another country, according to the South Korean spy agency.

Vance arrives in Hungary to lend fillip to Orban's poll vault

BUDAPEST

US Vice President JD Vance said from Hungary's capital on Tuesday that he was "here to help" Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán 's reelection bid, the clearest sign yet that President Donald Trump's administration is going all-in for an Orbán victory when Hungarians go to the polls on Sunday.

Vance's two-day visit to Budapest is a bid to turn the tide in Orbán's election campaign where the long-serving leader, a close Trump ally, is trailing in the polls.

Orbán is running for his fifth-straight term as prime minister. He and his nationalist-populist Fidesz party are facing their toughest race in two decades against a center-right challenger, the Tisza party led by Péter Magyar, that could bring an end to Orbán's 16 years in power.

The prime minister has bristled at the slightest mention of the Hungarian election by any of his partners in the European Union, decrying any expressions of support for his opponent as a grave breach of Hungary's sovereignty and meddling in the election.

Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto, right, welcomes US Vice President J D Vance and second lady Usha Vance as they arrive in Budapest Tuesday | AP

Yet speaking at a joint news conference with Orbán at his headquarters in Budapest's Carmelite Monastery, Vance campaigned openly for the prime minister, saying he wanted to "help as much as I possibly can" ahead of the April 12 vote.

Vance was scheduled to appear later on Tuesday at an election rally for Orbán dubbed a "Day of Friendship" event — an unusual step from a foreign leader and a break with the practice of most politicians who avoid taking an active role in the political campaigns of other countries.

Despite his clear endorsement of Orbán, Vance lashed out at the EU for what he said was "one of the worst examples of foreign election interference that I've ever seen or ever even read about." Vance added that he was confident Orbán would win the election. *AP*

US has 'tools it hasn't used on Iran'

BUDAPEST: US Vice President JD Vance warned Tuesday the US has "tools in our toolkit that we so far haven't decided to use" against Iran, adding he was "hopeful" negotiations would avoid them being deployed. "US has largely accomplished its military objectives," Vance told reporters during a visit to Hungary. "They've (Iran) got to know that the US has got tools in our toolkit that we so far haven't decided to use. The president of the United States can decide to use them, and he will decide to use them if the Iranians don't change their course of conduct," he added.

Gunman killed in shootout outside Israel's consulate

ISTANBUL

THREE assailants opened fire at police outside a building housing the Israeli Consulate in Istanbul on Tuesday, sparking a gunfight that left one attacker dead, Turkish officials said. The two other assailants were wounded and captured.

Two police officers sustained slight injuries in the clash, Istanbul Gov. Davut Gul told reporters. The assailants were carrying long-barreled weapons.

Interior Minister Mustafa Cifti wrote on X that the attackers had traveled from the city of Izmit, some 100 kilometers (60 miles) east of Istanbul, in a rented car. One of the assailants was linked to a group he described as "exploiting religion," without naming the organization.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan denounced what he said was a "treacherous" attack.

The two wounded assailants are brothers, identified as Onur C. and Enes C. The first has a criminal record related to drugs. Video from the attack showed one assailant carrying what appeared to be an assault rifle, wearing a brown backpack and hiding behind a bus when exchanging fire with police. *AP*

HEALTH HAZARD

Extreme weather leaves 22 dead in Afghanistan

KABUL

AFGHAN authorities said Tuesday that extreme weather has left 22 people dead and 32 injured over the last 24 hours, including more than a dozen who were killed when torrential rainfall caused the roofs of houses to collapse overnight in eastern Afghanistan.

Storms and heavy rainfall that have caused landslides, flooding and lightning strikes across the country over the past two weeks have left more than 130 people dead and destroyed or damaged thousands of homes, authorities said.

Large parts of the eastern city of Jalalabad were flooded overnight into Tuesday, with roof collapses killing 13 people and injuring another 19 in the city and surrounding districts, said Siddiqullah Quraishi, information director in the Information and Culture Directorate for the province of Nangarhar of which Jalalabad is the main city.

Quraishi said 104 people had to be airlifted to safety by helicopter in various parts of the province after they became stranded by floodwaters. Most roads in the country have been destroyed by floods, landslides and rockfalls over the past two weeks, while highways linking Kabul were closed. *AP*

Sarkozy says he owes 'the truth' to France, challenges his conviction

PARIS

FRENCH former president Nicolas Sarkozy maintained his innocence on Tuesday, telling an appeal hearing in Paris that not a single cent from Libya helped fund his 2007 presidential campaign.

"I owe the truth to the French people," Sarkozy told a three-judge panel during a hearing in the case that led him to spend 20 days in prison before being granted release pending appeal. "I'm innocent," he said.

Sarkozy, 71, is challenging his conviction after being found guilty in September of criminal conspiracy. He was sentenced to five years in prison for his alleged part in a scheme to obtain funds from the government of late Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi in exchange for diplomatic favors. Sarkozy has repeatedly denied wrongdoing and claims the allegations are politically motivated.

Nicolas Sarkozy | AP

His wife, supermodel-turned-singer Carla Bruni-Sarkozy, attended Tuesday's hearing which focused on his role as a conservative presidential candidate and then president from 2007 to 2012.The 12-week appeal trial, which began last month, will reexamine all of the evidence and testimony related to him and nine co-defendants — including three former ministers. Sarkozy stressed he championed Western military intervention in Libya in 2011 after Gadhafi's regime violently cracked down on anti-government protesters, when Arab Spring pro-democracy protests swept the region.

"I took the initiative, France took the initiative. Why? Because Gadhafi had no hold over me — financially, politically or personally," Sarkozy said.

Sarkozy's appeal hearing comes after families of French victims of a 1989 plane bombing expressed their distress last week over possible promises made to Gadhafi's government as part of the deal. *AFP*

Epstein case: Bill Gates to depose before panel

WASHINGTON

BILLIONAIRE Bill Gates is to testify on June 10 before a congressional committee investigating the late convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein and his accomplice Ghislaine Maxwell, a source close to the matter told AFP on Tuesday.

The Microsoft co-founder is among the prominent names appearing in documents released by the US Justice Department that revealed close friendships, illicit financial dealings and private photos with Epstein.

The source said Gates would sit for a "transcribed interview," signaling his testimony would take place in the same closed-door setting used for that of former president Bill Clinton and Hillary Clinton, the former secretary of state and senator.

Gates has admitted making a "huge mistake" in associating with Epstein, telling staff at his charity foundation that he had affairs with two Russian women but denying any involvement in the disgraced financier's crimes.

In a town hall with staff in February at the Gates Foundation, Gates expressed regret that his relationship with Epstein had affected the work of his philanthropic organization.

In a draft email among the documents released by the Justice Department, Epstein alleged Gates had engaged in extramarital affairs. Gates, 70, admitted at the town hall to two affairs.

"I did have affairs, one with a Russian bridge player who met me at bridge events, and one with a Russian nuclear physicist who I met through business activities," he said.But he denied any involvement with victims of Epstein. *AFP*

Taiwan leader Cheng Li-wun | AP

Taiwanese opposition leader in China

BEIJING

TAIWAN opposition leader Cheng Li-wun arrived in China on Tuesday at the invitation of President Xi Jinping, in what she's calling a "journey for peace" as Beijing pushes for the self-ruled island to come under its control.

The visit is the first by a Taiwanese opposition leader in a decade and comes ahead of a meeting in Beijing between Xi and US President Donald Trump scheduled to take place in May. Before leaving Taipei, the chairwoman of the Kuomintang party told reporters that Taiwan must spare no effort to prevent war and seize any opportunity to promote peace.

A few dozen supporters and detractors of Cheng showed up at Taipei's airport, chanting and holding signs. "The purpose of this visit to mainland China is precisely to show the world that it is not just Taiwan that unilaterally hopes for peace," Cheng said. "I believe through this journey for peace, everyone is eager to resolve all possible differences between the two sides," she added, referring to the initials of the Communist Party of China. *AP*

WEST ISSUES APOLOGY

Music fest cancelled after UK bars rapper over antisemitism

LONDON

THE UK government Tuesday blocked US rapper Kanye West from visiting the country to headline a music festival due to his antisemitic outbursts, forcing organisers to cancel him.

The rapper had submitted an application to travel to Britain on Monday, but it was refused on grounds that his presence would not be conducive to the public good, the BBC cited the Home Office as saying.

The organisers of the Wireless Festival in London, where West, now known as Ye, was booked to play all three nights in July, swiftly cancelled the event. "As a result of the Home Office banning YE from entering the United Kingdom, Wireless Festival has been forced to cancel," organisers said on Instagram.

They added all ticket holders would receive "an automatic full refund". Tickets only went on sale on Tuesday.

West had offered to meet members of the British Jewish community.

The offer from the disgraced 48-year-old hip-hop star followed a decision by drinks giants Pepsi and Diageo to pull out of sponsoring the festival. In an advert in the Wall Street Journal headlined "To Those I've Hurt", West tried to defuse the growing controversy.

"My only goal is to come to London and bring unity, peace, and love through my music," he said.

In May 2025, West released a song called "Heil Hitler" to mark the 80th anniversary of Nazi Germany's defeat in World War II. "I know words aren't enough – If you're open, I'm here," he added.

West has previously expressed regret over his antisemitic rants, which he blamed on his bipolar disorder.

Britain government minister Wes Streeting said he regarded West using his bipolar disorder "to justify his actions" is "simply appalling". *AFP*

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD*			SILVER*			FOREX		
509.73	Sensex	74,616.58	₹820	24 carat (10 gm)	₹149,990	1 kg	₹250,000	Dollar	92.9
155.40	Nifty	23,123.65	₹750	22 carat (10 gm)	₹137,500	10 gm	₹2,500	Euro	107.26

*Delhi Mandi Price

Govt open to modifying proposed IT Rules

IT secretary S Krishnan says govt may extend April 14 deadline for receiving feedback on proposed IT rules, 2021

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

THE government on Tuesday said it is open to modifying the proposed IT rules that aim to regulate user-generated news content on social media platforms such as YouTube, Instagram, and X.

Speaking to the press, secretary of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, S Krishnan, stated that the government could extend the April 14 deadline for receiving feedback on proposed IT rules. The move comes after the ministry on Tuesday met intermediaries and civil society groups to hear their concerns.

"If people need more time, we will see how much additional time we can provide...And once that is done, we will accordingly figure out what needs to be done—whether something else needs to be changed. Based on representations we receive, we are prepared to—we have, in the past, modified drafts before finalisation," said Krishnan.

The new rules, which will amend the Information Technology Rules, 2021 under the Information Technology Act, 2000, give powers to IT ministry to remove content from platforms like X, Meta, and YouTube, similar to how it can direct the removal of news articles from news platforms. In addition, these companies will have to comply with government advisories, directions, guidelines, and standard operating procedures (SOPs).

REVIEWING RULES

1. Move comes after IT ministry met intermediaries, civil society groups to hear their concerns
2. Govt will take decisions based on feedbacks received
3. As per new rules, IT ministry acn remove content from X, Meta, YouTube, news platforms

These platforms will have to comply with govt directions and SOPs

The responsibility of removing content from social media platforms was handled by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology under the IT Act. Earlier Part III—Code of Ethics relating to Digital Media—of the IT Rules, 2021 mainly applied to publishers of news and current affairs content and publishers of online curated content.

The ministry held meetings with industry stakeholders and civil society organisations. Participants included companies and associations such as Meta, Google, YouTube, Snapchat, and ShareChat; and industry bodies such as IAMAI, NASSCOM, Broadband India Forum, USIBC, and USISPF, among others.

Nikhil Pahwa, a digital rights activist, said the current rules need to be withdrawn and the infrastructure for censorship dismantled. He further said all takedown orders are now treated like emergency orders, with three-hour takedowns, and that there is no application of mind on whether content is actually illegal or harmful, resulting in everything being taken down as an emergency.

REGULATORY CHANGE

West Asia crisis: Sebi extends IPO listing timelines

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

CAPITAL markets regulator Sebi has eased both the IPO validity timelines and the mandate to meet 25% minimum public shareholding (MPS) by offering a one-time relief as the market remains jittery.

In two separate circulars issued on Tuesday, the Sebi gave an additional six months to companies. It said IPO approvals expiring between April 1 and September 30 will now remain valid till September 30, 2026 subject to an undertaking from lead manager who will submit updated offer document to the board later.

The Sebi has allowed a similar kind of relief in 2020 during the Covid.

"Considering industry representation, the prevailing uncertain market conditions due to ongoing geopolitical tension and subdued investor participation, the Sebi has decided to grant one-time relaxation to extend validity of Sebi observations letters, expiring between April 1, and September 30, till September 30, 2026 provided an updated offer document is submitted later," Sebi said.

One-time relaxation comes into effect immediately, gives companies about six months additional time to launch IPOs without having to restart the regulatory process.

Changes come after Sebi received industry representation on difficulties faced in mobilising resources and accessing the market due to the Iran war, leading to several issuers to defer, recalibrate or withdraw IPOs. In another circular, Sebi relaxed enforcement of MPS norms, providing relief to listed entities struggling to meet the 25% public float mandate, the timeline for which is based on market cap. "Sebi has received industry representation highlighting difficulties faced by listed entities in complying with MPS, on account of market volatility arising from ongoing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East," the circular said.

The Sebi directed stock exchanges and depositories not to initiate any penal action, including fines or freezing of promoter shareholding for those whose MPS compliance deadlines fall between April 1 and September 30. It also said any penalties already imposed during this period will be withdrawn.

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Sebi circular

AVIATION

Air India ticket prices set to go up as airline revises fuel surcharge

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

AIR INDIA ticket prices are set to go up as the airline has revised its fuel surcharge across domestic routes by up to ₹899 and on international routes by up to $280 or about ₹26,000. The move by the airline comes after the oil marketing companies (OMCs) revised aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices last week.

Air India had last month introduced a fuel surcharge of ₹400 for domestic flights and $10-$50 on international flights as the ongoing conflict in West Asia triggered a sharp rise in energy prices. The fresh revision, which is now based on distance travelled, takes the fuel surcharge up to ₹899 (above 2,000 km) for domestic flights and up to $280 for flights to North America and Australia. For European flights (excluding the UK), fuel surcharge now stands at $205.

"Following the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas' and Ministry of Civil Aviation's decision to cap domestic ATF price hike at 25%, Air India group is reflecting this calibrated approach, transitioning from a flat domestic surcharge to a distance-based grid as follows, effective 08 April 2026 (including on Air India Express flights)," the airline said in a statement.

It added that in the absence of any such mitigations on international ATF prices, they will be implementing more significant changes to fuel surcharges. Jet fuel is the biggest expense for airlines, accounting for 35% to 40% of total operating costs.

According to the latest data published by the International Air Transport Association (IATA), the global average jet fuel price rose to $195.19 per barrel for the week ending 27 March 2026, up from $99.40 at the end of February, recording a surge of close to 100%. ATF, produced by refining crude oil, has seen simultaneous increases in both its crude oil component as well as the refinery margin, known as 'crack spread', with the latter having nearly tripled within three weeks. It increased from $27.83 per barrel for the week ending 27 February to $81.44 for the week ending 27 March.

More price revisions likely later

Air India said revisions to fuel surcharge on flights to and from Bangladesh and Far East destinations, namely Japan, Hong Kong, and South Korea, will be advised in due course subject to the requisite regulatory approvals. Air India had last month introduced a fuel surcharge of ₹400 for domestic flights and $10-$50 on international flights

The steep rise compounds the impact of rising crude oil prices, creating one of the most challenging fuel cost environments that airlines have globally faced in recent years

Air India

Adani seeks dismissal of SEC fraud case in US, says lawsuit lacks jurisdiction

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

BILLIONAIRE Gautam Adani and his nephew Sagar Adani have moved a US court seeking dismissal of the securities fraud case brought by the US Securities and Exchange Commission. They argued the case falls outside the US jurisdiction and the lawsuit doesn't to establish any wrongdoing.

Adanis through their lawyers said the SEC's claims over a 2021 bond sale by the group's renewable energy arm, Adani Green Energy Ltd are legally flawed on multiple grounds. The US regulator had sued Adanis in November 2024, alleging they misled investors by failing to disclose an alleged bribery tied to Indian state officials.

Adanis said the court lacks jurisdiction, saying neither they had sufficient contacts with the US or direct involvement in the bond offering. The $750 million bond sale was conducted outside the US under Rule 144A and Regulation S exemptions, with securities sold to non-US underwriters and only later resold in part to qualified institutional buyers, they said. Lawyers added that the complaint doesn't allege Gautam Adani approved the issuance, attended key meetings, or directed any activity at US investors. The filing contends the SEC's case is extraterritorial, noting the securities were not listed in the US, the issuer is Indian, and the alleged misconduct occurred in India. Citing US Supreme Court precedent, the defendants said the SEC failed to show any "domestic transaction", a requirement for applying US securities laws.

Govt, insurers may launch $2 bn war-risk fund

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

THE government and some insurance companies are planning to pump in nearly $2 billion as reinsurance funds to cover Indian vessels passing through the war-hit zone of West Asia, said government sources who are aware of the matter. While the Centre is likely to create a $1.5 billion fund, other insurance companies will contribute about $300-500 million to the reinsurance funds.

"The government aims to set up a fund of $1.5 billion for reinsurance. The idea is to encourage insurance companies to extend coverage to the Indian vessels sailing in the war-struck waters," said the sources. They stated that the fund could minimise India's dependence on overseas reinsurance and at the same time the Indian insurance companies will get some confidence to continue providing coverage.

Due to the ongoing West Asia crisis, the insurance premiums for the vessels have gone up considerably and with this reinsurance fund, the government aims to support the insurance companies and the freighters to manage the rising cost.

As reported in media, marine insurance premiums are up by nearly 80%, with insurers reassessing war-risk premiums depending on the risk exposure and some international maritime insurers have even withdrawn marine war-risk coverage for vessels passing through the war zone. Some reports suggest maritime insurance premiums for war risk in the Gulf have surged, in some cases exceeding 1,000% of previous rates, as insurers reevaluate risks in the Strait of Hormuz.

RISK FUND

1. Centre is likely to create a $1.5 billion fund
2. Insurers may contribute $300-500 mn to the fund
3. Fund to reduce dependence on overseas reinsurance

Since the war broke out, the government has launched several measures to aid affected players like exporters, freighters, shipping companies etc.

New conditions for states to get capex fund

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

STATES will need to ease access to public and private land for telecom service providers to install, operate and maintain infrastructure if they want to avail additional capital expenditure funds.

This is one of the two new conditions set by the Centre for states to access funds under the Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI), a top government source told TNIE.

The second reform relates to linking fertiliser distribution with the AgriStack Farmer ID—a unique Aadhaar-linked digital identity for farmers that connects personal details with land records to streamline access to government schemes, subsidies and insurance. "Over 7 crore farmers have already registered under AgriStack," the source said.

The government has increased the budgetary allocation under SASCI to ₹2 lakh crore for FY27, up from ₹1.5 lakh crore in FY26. Of this, ₹1.75 lakh crore is available to states, while ₹25,000 crore has been set aside as a buffer. Notably, ₹70,000 crore of the ₹1.75 lakh crore will be accessible only if states undertake the specified reforms.

Under SASCI, the Centre provides 50-year interest-free loans to state governments to boost capital expenditure, drive economic growth and create jobs.

ASIANOMICS

THAILAND

INFLATION FALLS IN MARCH, SET TO SURGE IN Q2

The headline consumer price index (CPI) in Thailand unexpectedly declined by 0.08% in March from a year earlier, following an annual fall of 0.88% in the previous month. However, the country's commerce ministry said on Tuesday that prices were expected to rise significantly in the second quarter of the year. Despite the rise in global oil prices in March, retail prices in Thailand were curbed in the first half of the month. Electricity prices continued to fall, helping keep overall inflation low even though there were price increases in prepared food, beverages and some daily necessities, the ministry said. The March reading was below a forecast rise of 0.20% in a Reuters poll and remained well below the Bank of Thailand's (BoT) target inflation range of 1% to 3%.

JAPAN

BOJ TO RAISE RATES BY JULY: EX-BOARD MEMBER

The Bank of Japan will likely raise interest rates by July as soaring oil costs from the West Asia war increase the risk it will fall behind the curve in dealing with mounting inflationary pressure, its former board member Seiji Adachi said on Tuesday. Underlying inflation has hit the central bank's 2% target, as seen in last week's "tankan" survey that showed corporate five-year inflation expectations hitting 2.5%, said Adachi, who was a member of the BOJ board until March last year. Surging oil prices and supply constraints brought about by the Iran war add to reasons for the BOJ to soon raise its short-term policy rate from the current 0.75%, he said.

PHILIPPINE

FUEL PRICE RISE PUSHES UP INFLATION

The Philippines' central bank warned on Tuesday of 'spillover effects' on consumer prices from oil price increases, after the country's inflation rate accelerated in March and breached the target range. Headline inflation rose to 4.1% in March from a year earlier, much higher than February's 2.4%. Last month's figure was above the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' (BSP) 2% to 4% target range for the year. This marks the highest inflation reading since July 2024, when it reached 4.4%. On a month-on-month basis, inflation stood at 1.4%, the highest level since January 2023, reflecting a sharp increase in price pressures. The Philippines depends heavily on Middle East oil, leaving it vulnerable to supply shocks and price volatility during periods of geopolitical conflict.

India to resume crude oil imports from Venezuela

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA is planning to resume crude oil imports from Venezuela after a gap of nearly 11 months, according to commodity analytics firm Kpler. The country is expected to receive about 10 to 12 million barrels of crude oil from the South American nation.

"...April-arriving cargoes were likely secured well before the recent disruptions, underscoring a longer-term strategic shift rather than a purely reactive move. This trend highlights the growing importance of diversification in global energy markets. Securing an alternative supply in advance is increasingly seen as a competitive advantage," said Sumit Ritolia, lead research analyst, refining & modelling at Kpler. Before US sanctions, Venezuela was an important crude oil supplier for India. In FY18, it accounted for nearly 6.7% of India's total crude imports. Venezuela produces heavy crude oil, which is well-suited for India's advanced refineries.

AIR INDIA CEO RESIGNS, CO SCOUTS FOR SUCCESSOR

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

AIR INDIA on Tuesday formally announced the resignation of chief executive officer & managing director, Campbell Wilson.

In a statement, the airline stated that Wilson had conveyed his intention to step down in 2026 to Tata Sons and Air India Chairman N Chandrasekaran in 2024 and, since then, has been working to ensure the organisation and leadership team are on a stable footing for the transition. The Air India Board has constituted a panel to find a successor to Wilson.

He will remain in the role until his successor is announced and in place. Under Wilson's leadership, Air India placed record-breaking orders for a total of 570 new aircraft from Airbus and Boeing as part of its transformation plan, and completed the consolidation of group airlines. An additional 30 planes were ordered in January 2026. He also led fleet modernisation plans and set up key infrastructure to support the growing fleet.

However, the airline faced operational challenges, incurred losses and a tragic crash under his leadership. As per reports, the airlines' losses could be as high as ₹20,000 crore in the recently concluded FY26.

HCLTech's US arm to cut 120 jobs

PADMINI DHRUVARAJ @ Bengaluru

HCLTech's US subsidiary is set to lay off 120 employees in Orlando, Florida, as part of an operational restructuring linked to a client project.

The job cuts will affect employees working at the company's San Marco Court facility in Orlando. According to a Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) filing dated April 1, the layoffs are scheduled to begin on May 29 and continue through December 31 this year. A small number of additional separations are expected to extend into early 2027. The filing stated that the layoffs are permanent in nature.

Under the WARN Act in the United States, employers are required to provide advance notice in cases of mass layoffs or plant closures when more than 100 employees are affected. The report said the affected employees were aligned to a specific client engagement, indicating that the workforce reduction is linked to a ramp down or transition in that project. HCLTech has said that the impacted workers will be considered for redeployment opportunities within the company or on other client engagements, depending on skill fit and the availability of suitable roles.

The company had not responded to *The New Indian Express*' queries at the time of publication.

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Letter No: 283 **Term e-Tender Notice** Date: 07/04/2026

Office of the Executive Engineer (Civil) Mori-Tiuni, UJVN Ltd.,Dakpathar (Dehradun), invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:

Tender No & Name of work:01/EE(Civil)/MT/2026-27
"Geo Technical Investigations at Mori-Tiuni HEP at District- Uttarkashi/ Dehradun."
Estimated cost: Rs.3,07,28,788.00 (GST Extra)
Date of availability of bid document on website :09-04-2026 from 10.00 Hrs.
Last ate for submission of bids on website : 29-04-2026 upto17.00 Hrs.
For fuller & further details ,kindly visit e- procurement portal **"https://uktenders.gov.in"**

Executive Engineer (Civil), Mori Tiuni, Dakpathar

"AVOID WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY"

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owners **SRI.PANKAJ BHANDARI** S/o Sri.Mahaveer Bhandari and his wife **SMT.SHEETAL BHANDARI**, residing at No.18, Nakoda Nivas, 7th Main, Jayanagar 4th Block, Bengaluru-560011. If any persons have any manner of claim, right, title, interest or demand of any nature in or over the Schedule Property, they are hereby requested to file their objections along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying, with the undersigned within **10 (Ten) days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the vacant immovable property bearing **Municipal No.28, PID No.59-29-28, E.P.I.D.No.3008612489** (Old Nos.28/1, 44 and 44/1, Site No.44), measuring East to West 80ft and North to South 54ft, in all measuring 4320 Sq.ft, situated at **Sri Krishnarajendra Road (K.R.Road)**, Tata Silk Farm, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru, within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.167 and bounded as follows:

East by : Property bearing No.46 & 42
West by : Sri Krishnarajendra Road (K. R. Road)
North by : Property bearing No.45
South by : Property bearing No.43

Sd/- BAYYA REDDY. M
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Under the instructions of my clients, Mr. Rajkumar C. Rathod, S/o. Mr.Chaganlal Rathod, Mrs. Mili Ravi Rathod, W/o. Late Mr. Raviprakash C. Rathod, Ms. Hashvi Ravi Rathod, D/o. Late Mr. Raviprakash C. Rathod, and Mr. Reet Ravi Rathod, S/o. Late Mr. Raviprakash C. Rathod, I hereby inform the general public that they have lost the following document copies pertaining to the Schedule Property. 1. Copy of the unregistered General Power of Attorney (GPA) executed by Smt. Chanda Bai and Shri. Shankerlal Ramnath Daga in favour of Shri. Shivlal Ramnath Daga. 2. Copy of the unregistered General Power of Attorney (GPA) executed by Shri. P.C. Agarwal in favour of Brig. P. C. Balakrishna.

The said documents relate to Survey No.16, situated at Nagasandra Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, admeasuring 11 acres, 36 Guntas in total. Our clients are the absolute owners in possession and enjoyment of their portion thereof, admeasuring 21,780 square feet and is morefully detailed in the Schedule Property hereunder, with Khata standing in their joint names, vide E-PID No.2630640604 issued by the Bangalore North City Corporation previously under the jurisdiction of BBMP.

The immovable Property was originally registered vide Sale Deed dated 07.09.1981, registered as Document No.8708 of 1981-82, Book-I, Volume 3565, Pages 124 to 129, executed by Smt. Chanda Bai and Shri Shankerlal Ramnath Daga in favour of Shri. Shivlal Ramanth Daga. In this regard they have given a lost E-Complaint on 06/04/2026 in return lost article report Lost Report No.2141859/2026 has been generated.

If anybody finds the same, kindly return to below mentioned address or if any person/s or institution/s having claim over the Schedule Property the same may be brought to note within **7 (SEVEN) DAYS** from the date of Publication hereof, failing which it will be deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned. If finders misuse the same, he/she will be prosecuted under Criminal Law and Civil Law.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residentially converted vacant land bearing E-PID No.2630640604, in Survey No. 16, measuring East to West 136 X 160.147 and North to South 41.45 X 48.81, totally measuring 21,780 square feet or (2023.43 square meters), situated at Nagasandra Village, Yeshavantapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now with the administrative jurisdiction of Bangalore North City Corporation, bounded on as; East by: Remaining Portion of Sy. No.16 belong to Mr.Vijay Kumar Gupta; West by: Remaining Portion of Sy. No.16 belong to Mr.Rajkumar Gupta; North by : Road; South by : Road.

Sd/- Mohammed Moin Ulla, Advocate
Lex reign, No.49, T1, 3rd Floor,
Virat Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 076.
Email: Lexreign14@gmail.com
Mob. No. 99160 80716
BENGALURU, Date : 07.04.2026

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act.) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the said Rules). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the said Rules, the Authorised Officer of IIFL Home Finance Ltd. (IIFL HFL) (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) has issued Demand Notice under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, to the Borrower(s) to paywithin 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s), amount due as on date of Demand Notice and security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:-

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Description of Secured asset (Immovable Property)
Mr. Ramesh Bhuvanesh Gowda, Bhuvanesh Gowda, R Mrs. Harshitha Munigeragappa Prakash **(Prospect No IL10784010)**	**17-Mar-2026, Rs.3142682.06/-** (Rupees Thirty One Lakh Forty Two Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Two Rupees & Six Paise Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being : Property bearing Site No. 15 Assessment no.17/3,Khata No.17/3/15 & Site No.16 Khata No. 17/03/16 Assessment No.17/3 Situated at Kodigehalli Village,Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Karanataka 560092. Area Admeasuring (in Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area_Admeasuring Property Area: 3067 Bounded By: North: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Report South: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Report East: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Report West: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Report
Mr. Padmanabha Sri Lakshmivenkateshwara Iron Work And Fabrication Mrs. Muninanjamma Mrs. Nagarajachari **Prospect No. IL10308530**	**17-Mar-2026, Rs. 2965111.00/-** (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Sixty Five Thousand One Hundred and Eleven Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: Sy no 47, new sy no 47/35, situated at Mangasandra village, Devanahalli tq, Bangalore District, Karnataka 562110 Area Admeasuring (in Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area_ Admeasuring Property Area: 1089 Bounded By: North: Site of Nagraj South: Site of Shrinivasappa East: Site of Raghavappa West: Road
Mr. Vijay Kumar, M V K Enterprises Mr. Murugasan Mrs. Manjula **(Prospect No IL10985582)**	**16-Mar-2026, Rs.2778706.92/-** (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Six Rupees And Ninety Two Paise Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: No 207, No 207, Katha No 422 Ward No 20, Perumal Layout, Kadugodi, Bidarahalli Hobli, Mahadevpura, Kadugodi, Near Gs Store, Bangalore, Karnataka, India, 560067 Area Admeasuring (in Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land_Area Property Area: 975 Bounded By North:15 Feet Cement Concrete Road South 10 Feet Cement Concrete Road East Residential Row House West Vacant Land

If The Said Borrower Fail To Make Payment To IIFL HFL As Aforesaid, IIFL HFL May Proceed Against The Above Secured Assets Under Section 13(4) Of The Said Act, And The Applicable Rules, Entirely At The Risks, Costs And Consequences Of The Borrowers. For Further Details Please Contact To Authorised Officer At **Branch Office :** "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025. Or **Corporate Office :** IIFL Tower, Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Ph-IV Gurgaon, Haryana.

PLACE : BANGALORE
DATE : 08.04.2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.

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BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BENGALURU

B.S.N.L Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001

O.A.No.1182/2023

Between:
CANARABANK ...Applicant

And :
SRI. ABRAUL HAQUE & ANOTHER ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993,

Sri.M.D.Rizwan Khan S/o Sri.Rafeeque khan R/at No 25, 2nd Floor, 2nd A Cross, kanakanagar R.T.Nagar, Bengaluru-560032.

WHEREAS, this Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against the defendant(s) you for recovery of a sum totally of **Rs.95,61,352.88/- (Rupees Ninety five lakhs sixty one thousand three hundred fifty two and eighty eight paisa only)** as on **08.06.2023** plus future Rate of interest and penal interest together with interest unapplied interest.

The above the mentioned Defendant(S) is/are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate duly authorized agent, in support of his/their defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **23.06.2026 at 10.30 a.m** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that, in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal on this **21st day of Febraury 2026**

Sunanda S Rathod
Advocate for applicant
KAR 1182/2002

By Order of the Tribunal
Registrar
Debt Recovery Tribunal-II,
Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **M M Shivaram** S/o Mr.Muniraj Setty , residing at House No.1014/D, Shankar Nilaya 59th "C" Cross, 4th M Block Rajajinagar, OPP. Sundaram Motors Bangalore-560010 the property bearing Site No.1014/D, measuring East to West 43 feet and North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 1290 square feet, situated at 59th "C" Cross, 4th M Block Rajajinagar, Coming under 14th Division of Bangalore Mahanagara palike Bangalore BBMP Ward No.108. I have lost the original Registered Sale Deed bearing Document No.4900/1965-66 dated 22.10.1965 and Lodged Complaint on 06.04.2026 Lost Report No.2142504/2026, while Travelling on Bike in Bangalore.

If any person/institution or entities have any claim, objection, or interest of any nature whatsoever in respect to the above-mentioned property and/or document, they are hereby called upon to submit such claims or objections along with supporting documents to the undersigned at the address below within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Any claim received after the stipulated period shall not be entertained and shall be deemed to have been waived.

Deepa A.M, Advocate
KAR/474/2012, No.6, 80 feet Road,
Chandra Layout, Bangalore - 560072.
Place : Bangalore Dated : 07.04.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General Public that my client is intending to purchase the schedule property.

Any, person, having any claim over the schedule property claiming through the predecessors in title or any other person, may lodge their objections or claims, in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by speed post with regard to such claim with the undersigned within 7 (seven) days hereof, failing which my client will proceed to conclude the Sale Transaction. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained by my client;

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of entire property bearing Municipal No.2488 (earlier site bearing CITB No.2488), situated at Twenty Fifth "B" Cross Road, Banashankari Second Stage, Bangalore, within the limits and administration of Bangalore West City Corporation, Bangalore, Corporation Ward No:165-Ganeshmandir (old Ward No:56), PID No.56-20-2488, EPID No.1710392003, together with structures standing thereon and bounded on the:

East by : Site bearing CITB No.2487;
West by : Site bearing CITB No.2489;
North by : Road;
South by : Site bearing CITB No.2507;
MEASURING: East to West : 40 Feet;
North to South : 60 Feet;
In all ad-measuring 2,400 Sq.Ft.;

N S RACHANA
N C JANARDHAN, ADVOCATES
Rachana Law Associates,
"Lakshmideep", I Floor, No:2980,
17th Cross, Banashankari II Stage,
BANGALORE – 560 070
PH : 9731810810 / 9886284325
Dt: 07-04-2026

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Stressed Assets Management Branch,(SAMB) Bengaluru

Authorised Officer's Details:
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"APPENDIX- II-A and IV-A"
[See proviso to rule 8(6) and 9(1)]
E AUCTION SALE ON 23.04.2026
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Asset (excluding movable assets, if any,lying in the premises) under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower and Guarantors /Mortgagors that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, Bengaluru, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on **23.04.2026** for recovery of **Rs. 6,30,30,684.00** (Rupees Six Crore Thirty Lakhs Thirty Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Four only) in respect of M/s Unifi Media and **Rs.7,63,79,146.00** (Rupees Seven Crore Sixty Three Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand One Hundred Forty Six only) in respect of **M/s Unifi Media Pvt Ltd** with a grand total amount of **Rs. 13,94,09,830.00** (Rupees Thirteen Crores Ninety Four Lakhs Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Only) as on 03.04.2026 and further interest at contractual rate from 04.04.2026 with incidental expenses + costs, charges etc., due to the State Bank of India from Borrowers **M/s. Unifi Media** having Registered Office at No 81, Madhu Arts Studio Complex, Chikkalasandra, Bengaluru-560061 & **M/s Unifi Media Pvt Ltd** having registered office at No. 235, 11th Main, AGS Layout, Arehalli, Uttarahalli, Bengaluru 560061 and administrative office at No. 64/1, Krishna Towers, 2nd Floor, Chikkalasandra, Uttarahalli Main Road, Bengaluru-560061, and the Directors/ Guarantors/Mortgagers, **Shri Udayaravi Hegde** S/o Shri Shivaram Hegde and **Smt. Chandrika Hegde** W/o Shri Udayaravi Hegde, both were residing at (last known address) : No. 235, 11th Main, AGS Layout, Arehalli, Uttarahalli, Bengaluru-560061 and **Smt. Anasooya Hegde** D/o Shri Gajanana Hegde, residing at No. 525 Prashantha Nilaya 2nd Floor 4th cross,2nd main AGS layout Bangalore south Subramanyapura, Bengaluru-560061. The reserve price, earnest money deposit (EMD), bid increment amount, time & date of e-Auction and last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents for the immovable assets will be as under

Sl. No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount	Time and Date of e-auction	Last date for submission of EMD along with KYC Documents
1.	**Rs.3,00,00,000/-**	Rs.30,00,000/-	Rs.1,00,000/-	11:00 a.m. on **23.04.2026** with unlimited extension of ten minutes for each bid, if bidding continues, till the sale is concluded.	**23.04.2026 upto 3.00 p.m.**

DESCRIPTION OF MOVABLE ASSETS

Tender No. SBIN200070140064

IMMOVABLE PROPERTY NO-1: All that piece and parcel of immovable residential building bearing Site No.235, Intermediate, Present BBMP Khatha No.235/235, in the BDA approved Layout formed by the Accountant General's Office Co-operative Housing Society Limited, in Survey Nos. 6/1, 30, 32, 33, 34, 37 and 38, situated at Arehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and now comes within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Uttarahalli Ward No 184 of A.G.S. Layout, Bangalore and the site measuring East 30 feet, West 30 North 40 feet and South 40 feet in all measuring 1200 Sq. feet vide Amalgamation Deed dated 17.11.2014 executed by Shri Udayaravi Hegde S/o Shri Shivaram Hegde and Smt. Anasooya Hegde D/o Shri Gajanana Hegde and registered as Document No. BSK –1 -10284.2014-15 at the Office of the Sub Registrar, Basavanagudi (Banashankari) along with a total built up area of 3825sqft consisting ground floor(stilt floor) measuring 825sqft, first floor measuring 950sqft, second floor measuring 950sqft, third floor measuring 950 sqft, fourth floor (terrace floor) measuring 150sqft and bounded as follows. East by : Site No.250, West by : Road, North by : Site No.236, South by : Site No.234.

Reserve Price: Rs. 3,00,00,000/-

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER "SARFAESI" ACT, 2002.

The Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagors are hereby noticed to pay the sum of **Rs. 13,94,09,830.00** (Rupees Thirteen Crores Ninety Four Lakhs Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Only) as on 03.04.2026 and further interest at contractual rate from 04.04.2026 with incidental expenses + costs, charges etc., within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which the Bank shall sell the properties as per the provisions laid down in the SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided by the Secured Creditors represented by the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, SAMB, Bengaluru i.e., (1) www.baanknet.com, (2) www.sbi.bank.in

Date: 04.04.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorized Officer,
State Bank of India,
Stressed Asset Management Branch, Bengaluru

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: CEE/BGKT/Tr.(OP)Z/SEE(O)/AEE-8/26-27/F-2/785-92 Date: 06.04.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION (THROUGH KPP PORTAL ONLY)

KPTCL invites tenders on Electronic mode for the following works Including supply of matching materials, erection, civil works, testing and commissioning.

(1) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STN06/25-26/SINDAGI. **Tender No.:** KPTCL/2026-27/SS/WORK_INDENT3583 for Erection, Testing and commissioning of new MEI Make 11KV (4F+1ADP+1AP) MCVCBs on existing available platform for new 11KV Link lines at **110KV sub-station SINDAGI** in Operations Division, KPTCL, Vijayapura on **Partial Turnkey Basis**. Reserved for **OTHERS** category.

(2) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STN7/25-26/KIADBVIJAYPUR. **Tender No.:** KPTCL/2026-27/SS/WORK_INDENT3584 for Erection, Testing and commissioning of new MEI make 11kV (4F+1AP) MCVCBs on existing available platform for new 11kV link lines at **110KV sub-station KIADB Vijayapura** on **Partial Turnkey Basis**. Reserved for **SC** category.

(3) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STN-08/26-27/TAKKALAKI. **Tender No.:** KPTCL/2026-27/SS/WORK_INDENT3585 for Erection, Testing and commissioning of new MEI make 11kV (3F+1AP) PCVCBs for new 11kV link lines at **110KV sub-station Takkalaki** on **Partial Turnkey Basis**. Reserved for **OTHERS** category.

(4) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STN-04/26-27/ MUDALAGI. **Tender No.:** KPTCL/2026-27/SS/WORK_INDENT3586 for Providing 2 no's. of Additional 11KV MCVCB Switchgears and 2 no's. 12.1kV, 2.9MVAr Star connected Capacitor Banks at **110/ 11kV S/S Mudalagi** in Operations Division, KPTCL, Belagavi on **Partial Turnkey Basis**. Reserved for **OTHERS** category.

(5) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STN-01/26-27/VADAGAVI. **Tender No.:** KPTCL/2026-27/SS/WORK_INDENT3587 for Replacement of existing 3 no's. of age old 110KV SF6 CGL make air compressor type Circuit breakers by New for 110KV Belagavi I/C, 10 MVA 110/11 kV Power Transformer No-1 HV CB & 20 MVA 110/11 kV Power Transformer No-2 HV CB at **110/33/11kV MUSS Vadagavi**, coming under Operation Division KPTCL Belagavi in Belagavi District on **Total Turnkey Basis**. Reserved for **OTHERS** category.

(6) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STN-02/26-27/RAMDURG. **Tender No.:** KPTCL/2026-27/SS/WORK_INDENT3588 for Providing additional 4 no's. of 11KV MCVCB switchgears along with 2 no's. of 11KV Banks and 1 no. of Annunciator panel to the existing 20MVA, 110/11KV power transformer at **110KV S/S Ramdurg** in Operation Division, KPTCL, Belagavi on **Partial Turnkey Basis**. Reserved for **SC** category.

(7) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STN-03/26-27/MACHE. **Tender No.:** KPTCL/2026-27/SS/WORK_INDENT3589 for Replacement of 2 no's. of age old 110KV Circuit breakers by new 110KV SF6 Circuit Breakers at **110KV Mache** sub station, Belagavi district on **Total Turnkey Basis**. Reserved for **CATEGORY-I**.

(8) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/220KV/EL/25-26/220KVAmbewadi-Narendra 1 and 2 lines. **Tender No.:** KPTCL/2026-27/TL/WORK_INDENT3582 for Replacement of 18 damaged/bent Cross arms of **220kV Ambewadi-Narendra 1&2** line of TLM Section, KPTCL, Dandeli in Uttara Kannada Dist., on **Total Turnkey Basis.** Reserved for **OTHERS**.

(9) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/400KV/EL/25-26/Kaiga-Guttur 1 and 2 line. **Tender No.:** KPTCL/2026-27/TL/WORK_INDENT3581 for Replacement of existing weakened Porcelain Insulator strings by New Silicon Rubber Composite insulator for suspension strings and Replacement of existing single suspension insulators string by Double string arrangement for various road crossings of **400KV Kaiga Guttur Line I & II** in TLM section, Operation Division Sirsi in Uttara Kannada Dist., on **Total Turnkey Basis.** Reserved for **SC** category.

The tenders will be received through KPP Portal only. The details regarding participation in the KPPP process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **16.30 Hrs. IST of 08.04.2026.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/-Chief Engineer (Elec.),Transmission (Operations) Zone, KPTCL,
110kV Sub-Station Premises, Navanagara, Bagalakote-587 103.

TOWN PANCHAYATH, HANUR

Phone No: 08224-268033 Website: www.hanurtown.gov.in
HelpLine: 08224-268111 E-mail: itstaff_ulb_hanur@yahoo.com

No:HNRTP/ENG/01//2026-27 **Date: 31.03.2026**

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform the public Of Hanur Town that the leaders of the vokkaliga community of hanur town have Submitted a request to the office and proposed to name the circle where M.M Hills Road, Ramapura Road and Ellemala Roads meet in the hanur town panchayath as Sri Nadaprabhu kempegowda circle If there are any Objection to the naming of the said Circle as sri Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Circle, the Public should submitted them in Writing to the town Panchayath Within 30 days of the publication of this announcement along with the appropriate documents. It is understood that Objections received after the expiry of the period will not be considered.

Sd/-
Chief Officer
Town Panchayath Hanur

Sd/-
Administrator
Town Panchayath Hanur

NO: DIPR:CHANAGAR: 23:2026-27

PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR LOST OF DOCUMENTS

This is to inform the general public that my client Sri. Ravindra.N S/o Narayana Reddy, aged about 52 years R/at No. 18, Marasuru Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District has irretrievable lost the original Gift deed dated: 02-06-2023, registered as document No. ANK-1- 01984/2023-24, in the office of Sub-registrar Anekal. My Client lost above said documents on 25-03-2026 and My client has lodged a police complaint for lost article on 02-04-2026 under acknowledgment issued by the Suryacity Police, bearing GSC No. P02144260600493.

If any person/s found the said sale deed please come forward with in a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice and hand over the same to the under signed, will be suitably rewarded. If anyone has already carried out any transaction or any transaction is in the process of being carried out suing the missing document, kindly inform the undersigned party in writing at the below mentioned address within 15 days from this paper publication. Else there won't be any further claims from thereon.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the land know as Sy No. 177/3 measuring 0.14 guntas situated at Marasuru Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, bounded in the:

East by : Property of Sy.No. 177/4, **West by :** Property of Sy.No. 177/2, **North by :** Property of Sy.No. 155/8 & Sy.No. 159, **South by :** Property of Sy.No. 171.

Sri. Prakash Reddy .M, Advocate
Office at No.5, 1st Cry Building, Chandapura Main Road, Anekal Town, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District-562 106.

SCH-21 **Hg:- 05.06.2026**

IN THE COURT OF THE 17th Addl. SMALL CAUSES JUDGE, AT BANGALORE.

S.C. 15158/2025

Plaintiff : Sri. Sringeri Mutt.
Vs
Defendants : Smt. Ashadevi Tiwari and ors

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT No. 1 THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION

Smt. Ashadevi Tiwari, W/o Sri. Hari Prakash Tiwari, Akash Tiwari, # 16/73, 59th Cross, 4th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore- 560 010.

Also Shop Premises No. 4, In Sringeri Mutt Buildings, Premises No. 44,45 and 46, K.V.Temple Street, Sultanpet Circle, Bangalore- 560 053.

Whereas the Plaintiffs herein have instituted the above suit for Declaration and Injunction on the file of the 17th Addl. Small Causes Judge, Mayo Hall, Bengaluru, you are hereby directed to take notice that the above matter is listed on 05.06.2026 before SCH-21 @ 11 AM, you need to appear in person or with Pleader **@ 11 A.M on 05.06.2026** failing which the suit will be determined exparte against you.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Shop No. 4, in property bearing Nos. 44, 45 & 46, First Floor, Sri Sringeri Mutt Building Complex, K.V.Temple Street, Sultanpet, Bangalore- 560 053, measuring 8' x 8' totally 64 sq ft, and bounded on :- East by : K.V. Temple Street, West by : Private Property, North by : Shop No. 3 & 2 of Sringeri Math Shopping complex, South by : Private Property & Sultanpet Main Road.

Given under my hand and seal of the court this 06/04/2026

By Order of the Court, Sheristedar,
Court of Small Causes, Mayo Hall Unit,
Bangalore.

Advocate for Plaintiff : **LEGAL AXIS**
M.D RAGHUNATH
109, 1st Floor, Dharmaraja Koil Street, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-1.

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1 AT BANGALORE

B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru

O.A.NO.1377/2020
A/c No. PHR000900779999

BETWEEN :
M/s. Axis Bank Limited
Banking Company,
Having Registered Office at
"TRISHUL" Opposite Samartheswara Temple, New Law Garden, Ellis Bridge Ahmadabad-380006
Having its branch office at:
No.45, Prestige Libra, First Floor, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore-560027. Represented by its Authorized Signatory Mr. Prabhanjan H
... Applicant

AND

1. Mr. Akash Gupta (Borrower) S/o Mr. Balmukund Gupta, Aged about 43 years, No. B-204, Geadar Godrej Woodman Estate, Hebbal, Bangalore-560024. **also available at:** Mr. Akash Gupta (Borrower) S/o Mr. Balmukund Gupta, M/s. Inception Advisory Pvt Ltd, Golden Millennium, 3rd Floor, 69/1, Millers Road, Bangalore-560052. **And also available at:** Residing at Flat no. 22, Tower - 6, Pebble bay Apartment, RMV 2nd stage, Bengaluru-560094.

1. Mrs. Marian D'silva, Father name not known Aged Major, Flat no. A104, BCIL Zed Woods, Avalahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru - 560063.

2. Mr. Shailesh Shridharan, Father name not known Aged Major, Flat no. A104, BCIL Zed Woods, Avalahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru 560063.

3. Mr. Santosh Burde S/o. Mr. Gajanan Burde, Aged Major, Flat no. A004, BCIL Zed Woods, Avalahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru 560063.

4. Mrs. Lalitha Burde W/o. Santosh Burde, Aged Major, Flat no. A004, BCIL Zed Woods, Avalahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru - 560063. **...Defendants**

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDENTUNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

(a) WHERE AS: The applicant has instituted an application in the section 19 of recovery of debts due to banks and financial institution act 1993 against the You for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 2,51,99,262/- (Rupees Two Crore Fifty One Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Two Only).** together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. The above mentioned defendant is required to appear therefore here by direct to appear before the tribunal in person is through an advocate or through authorized agents in support of their defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **12/05/2026 at 10.30 am** as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in cause default the application will be heard and determine in your absence.

Give under my hand & the seal of the tribunal on this **17th Day of March 2026.**

The Registrar
Debts Recover Tribunal,
Bangalore.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, AT BANGALORE

BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House Building, Raj Bhavan Road, Bangalore-560001.

O.A.No. 240/2019

BETWEEN:
UNION BANK OF INDIA
(E-CORPORATION BANK)
BTM Layout Branch, Bengaluru-560068
...APPLICANT

AND

1. SRI LAKSHMI VENKATESHAWARA MEDICALAS
No. 66, 139-15/10 TRP Complex, Tavarekere, Bengalore-560 076
2. MR. P V MUNIRAJU
Residing at: 111, 11th cross, 1st main, Hongasandra, Bommanahalli - 560.068
3.MRP CHANDRABABU
Residing at: 2nd Cross, 2nd stage, BTM Layout, Bangalore-560 076
4. MR.T ASHOKA REDDY
Residing at: 47 TH Cross, 2nd stage, Kumaraswany Layout, Bangalore-560 078
...DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS / NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION.

Whereas the applicant has instituted an application /interlocutory application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bank and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.27,94,137/-** together with current and future interest and for the reliefs.

Take notice that you are hereby required to show cause within 30 days of the Service of the Summons or on **28.05.2026 at 10.30 A.M.** in person or by a Pleader / Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted. Take notice of interim relief sought. Take notice that in case of default the application / interlocutory application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Take notice that in case of default the application/ interlocutory application will be heard and determined in you absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this **04th day of April 2026.**

By order of the Tribunal
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No;EE/KPWD/Tmk/JE.3/T.No.03/2026-27 Dt: 06.04.2026

Invitation For Short Term Tenders (IFT) KW-4
E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Government of Karnataka tenders are invited in Two cover system for Class-3 & above Contractors registered in PWD for 03 works under 5054-80-190-0-01-132 KRDCL Head of account in the jurisidiction of Tumkur Division through KPPP-Portal (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in). The dates are published as below.

(Maximum amount Put to Tender Rs.282.29 Lakhs and Minimum amount put to Tender Rs.199.38 Maximum EMD Amount Rs.423445/- and Minimum EMD Amount Rs.299072/-)

1. Last date for tender information enqueries : 18-04-2026 :17.30. 2. Last date for submission of tender: 21-04-2026 : 16.00 3. Date of opening the Technical bid: 22-04-2026 : 16.30. 4. Date of opening the Financial bid: 23-04-2026 : 17.00. Note: Turnover Certificate without UDI Number will not be considered. Here after Changes with Refference to This Notification will be Notified in E-Portal Only

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PWD DIVISION, TUMKUR.

DIPR/TUM/12/KSMCA/2026-27

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX-IV-A (See Provison to Rule 8(6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provison to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Symbolic Possession** of which has been taken by **The Authorized Officer of BANK OF INDIA,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** for Recovery of below mentioned amount/s. The details of Borrower/s / Guarantor/s / Secured Asset/s Dues / Reserve Price / e-Auction Date, Time & EMD are mentioned below.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower/s / Guarantor/s / Mortgagor (s)	Description of the Immoveable Property with Known Encumberances	Branch Name Account No; Total Dues	Date & Time of E-Auction	Reserve Price EMD Amount	Status of Possession (Symbolic / Physical)	Property Inspection Time
1.	**Mr. Shoolapani BH** **Address :** No. 209, 3rd Cross, 9th Main Road, Manjunathnagar, Bangalore - 560010 **Also Available at** Site No. 3379/40/2, PID No. 8-9-40/2, 4th Cross, C Block, Gayathri Nagar, Rajajinagar, 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560021	All the piece and parcel of Property Bearing No. 40/2, Situated at 4h Cross, C Block, Gayathri Nagar, Rajajinagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore, Presently under BBMP limits, Ward No. 8, PID No. 8-59-40/2, Measuring : East to West : 32 Feet and North to South : 12 Feet, Totally Admeasuring 384 Square Feet along with the building thereon, **owned by Mr. Shoolapani BH, East by :** Property belonging to Sidda Ashrama, **West by :** Property belonging to Machine Narayanappa, **North by :** Property belonging to Mr. Lingappa, **South by :** Property belonging to Sidda Ashrama and Road.	**Rajajinagar Branch** **For Recovery of Rs. 22,13,970/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy) for Loan Against Property Alc. 840662610000114, with further interest @ 13.05 p.a. from 07-04-2026 along with costs and other charges due**	**08-05-2026 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm**	**Reserve Price : Rs. 26,10,000/- EMD : Rs. 2,61,000/-**	**Symbolic**	**10.00 AM To 4.00 PM Contact Details 91786 20423**

To the best knowledge and information available with the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property referred above. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of the property and to inspect & satisfy them. The auction will be online E-Auction Sale/Bidding and shall be done only through "Online Electronic Bidding" process through the **Website : https://www.baanknet.com** For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://www.baanknet.com or https://www.bankofindia.co.in/tenders.** The Authorised Officer has the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone/cancel the sale/modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice and assigning any reason. **Date & Time of E-auction : 08-05-2026 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm** (with unlimited extension of 10 minutes if bidding continues till sale is concluded).

Date : 07-04-2026
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Chief Manager &
Authorised Officer

Warner arrested for drunken driving

Former Australian opener David Warner was arrested for drunken driving after he blew well over permissible limits during a random breath test in Maroubra, Sydney. He will appear before the court next month, reported the 7News. Warner, currently signed with Karachi Kings in PSL, was taken to a police station and later released from there.

Top-heavy Titans face litmus test

Despite a consistent top-three, lack of contributions from middle-order batters cost 2022 IPL champions dear

GOMESH S @Chennai

FOUR years ago, Hardik Pandya led Gujarat Titans to their maiden title in their debut IPL season. It set the ball rolling for a lot of things, including Pandya's captaincy, Shubman Gill's rise and more. However, the league and format was not what it is today. 250-plus totals were not the norm. The Impact Player rule was yet to be implemented and the IPL generation was still in making. Pandya and Titans repeated the run to the final in 2023 but fell short to Chennai Super Kings in a season that saw the Impact Player rule come into existence.

One of the reasons behind their consistent runs in the first two seasons was the heavy lifting from the top-order. Gill smashed 890 runs in 2023. B Sai Sudharsan developed as a top-order batter. They were soon joined by Jos Buttler after Pandya was traded to Mumbai Indians. In the two years that has followed, the trend has continued with Sudharsan becoming the leading run-getter last season, with Gill and Buttler not too far behind. However, unlike 2022 and 2023, Titans have missed one crucial factor and that has come to cost them in a big way — contribution from the middle-order (Nos 4-7).

Pandya and David Miller held the line-up together in the middle with support from Rahul Tewatia in the first two seasons. Pandya topped batting charts for GT in 2022 to be followed by Gill and Miller. Those kinds of contributions have been missed in the last few years. From adding 1297 runs in 2022, the middle-order (4-7) has gradually produced fewer returns. Last year, their No. 4-7 added 736 runs, 23 fewer than what Sudharsan scored (759). Now, there is no doubt that the pace at which players bat has changed drastically, especially with Impact Player rule, but that has not reflected in Titans' numbers. In 2024, their middle-order struck at 141.01 and last year it was 164.28. It may not seem as bad, but Titans have the lowest aggregate (2289) from middle-order in the three seasons since the Impact Player rule came into existence (till 2025). There are two main reasons for it. Titans are constructed as a top-heavy team where the three prolific run-accumulators do the work. In contrast to their middle-order numbers, Titans have the highest aggregate (4986) from top three batters in the three seasons since the Impact Player rule came in.

However, it has not helped them when it mattered. And that is predominantly because of the lack of experience in the middle-order. From having Pandya, Miller and Tewatia as their No 4-6, Titans have now gone to Glenn Phillips, Washington Sundar, Tewatia and M Shahrukh Khan. Due respect to Phillips, the New Zealander is yet to nail his spot. Washington, predominantly a top-order batter, has been around for a while without securing one fixed spot. Shahrukh, too, hasn't lived up to the billing. While other teams have managed to assemble a big-hitting middle-order to dominate the proceedings, Titans have a consistent top-three that may not be as explosive as rest of the franchises. Put it together with the brittle middle-order, Titans have a problem as seen in the first two games where they could not pull their weight.

Sudharsan, however, backed their middle-order to come good ahead of the clash against Delhi Capitals on Wednesday. "If someone from the top three batters plays longer, it's always a great thing. We believe in our middle order. This is the team which played last year and we qualified. So it's just two games and I and the whole team believes that our middle-order will win games," he said.

The coming games will tell whether Titans have the middle-order prowess to replicate the past performances.

Gujarat Titans' captain Shubman Gill during a training session | SAYANTAN GHOSH

MUDDLE IN MIDDLE

Titans have the lowest aggregate from middle-order (with just five 50-plus scores) in the three seasons since the Impact Player rule came into existence (till 2025)

2289

4986

In contrast, Titans have the highest aggregate for top three batters in the three seasons since the Impact Player rule came into existence (till 2025)

GT BATTING RECORD (NO 4-7)

Season	M	Runs	Ave	SR
2022	16	1297	40.53	141.9
2023	17	855	25.9	147.41
2024	12	698	20.52	141.01
2025	15	736	21.64	164.28
2026*	2	88	12.57	135.38

*Till match vs RR on Saturday

Jaiswal slams 77 as RR beat MI

Yashasvi Jaiswal hit 32-ball 77 while his opening partner slammed 14-ball 39 as Rajasthan Royals beat Mumbai Indians by 27 runs in a rain-curtailed match in Guwahati on Tuesday. Due to rain, the match was to reduced to 11 over per side. After being asked to bat first, RR posted 150/3. In reply, Mumbai got off to a disastrous start and they could never quite recover. **Brief scores:** RR 150/3 in 11 ovs (Jaiswal 77, Sooryavanshi 39) **bt** MI 123/9 in 11 ovs (Naman 25, Rutherford 25; Bishnoi 2/25).

GUJARAT AIM FOR FIRST POINT

Gujarat Titans take on Delhi Capitals away from home. A look...

Eyes on Shubman

Even as they continue to search for their first win after losing two games, Titans will be more focussed on Shubman Gill's fitness. B Sai Sudharsan has confirmed the captain's availability for the contest after Gill missed the previous match against Rajasthan Royals.

Rahul's turn to step up

Twice in as many games, Sameer Rizvi has shown that he is the new go to man for Delhi. However, KL Rahul, their most experienced batter, would be itching to make his presence felt at the top. Could this be the game where Rahul steps up and delivers.

Weather watch

Though the forecast looks clear for now, Delhi has been receiving unseasonal rains and it could have an impact on the game.

Delhi Capitals vs Gujarat Titans, New Delhi
Live on Star Sports and JioHotstar, 7.30PM

Asian C'ships: Eight Indians set to fight for gold

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

REIGNING world champs Jaismine Lamboria and Minakshi Hooda, No 1 seeds in their respective categories, are living up their billing so far. On Tuesday, they pulled off fighting wins to march into the finals of the ongoing Asian Boxing Championships at the ASA Arena in Sukhbaatar District, Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia). Sachin and youngster Vishvanath Suresh also won their bouts to become the two male boxers from India to reach the finals.

In total, eight Indians (six women and two men) will be competing for the final, which is scheduled to be held on Thursday. Wednesday is a rest day. Jaismine and Minakshi had a memorable 2025 and the duo now has the opportunity to make yet another notable leap. On the day, Minakshi (48kg) beat Yodwaree Thipsatcha of Thailand 4-1 and she will now go on to face Enkh Amgalan Nomundari of Mongolia in the final. Jaismine (57kg), on the other hand, edged Uktamova Nigina of Uzbekistan 3-2 to earn a shot at the gold medal. She will be up against Punrawee Ruenros of Thailand in the summit bout. With the day's win, Jaismine also guaranteed a spot in the team for the Commonwealth Games, which is set to be held later this year. Chennai boy Vishvanath Suresh, who has been one of the finds of the tournament from India's perspective, beat Huthaifa Eshish of Jordan 5-0 in the men's 50kg final. Sachin, one of the more experienced boxers in the men's squad, beat Thailand's Sakda Ruamtham 4-1 to book a spot in the 60kg final. As Vishvanath's category is not part of CWG and Asian Games, he, as things stand, is not part of it. But he could have an option to fight for a spot by changing his weight category in the days to come. However, that is quite a massive task.

Sachin, meanwhile, is now set to be part of both the marquee events. The other pugilists from India who'll be featuring in the finals are Preeti (54kg), Priya (60kg), Arundhati Choudhary (70kg) and Alfiya Pathan (+80 kg).

Priya will take on North Korea's Un Gyong Won while Preeti will face Chinese Taipei's Huang Hsiao-wen in the final. Arundhati will meet Kazakhstan's Bakyt Seidish while Alfiya, who earned a direct spot in the final due to just three boxers in her weight category, will face Dina Islambekova.

Jaismine Lamboria after winning the semifinal bout on Tuesday | ASIAN BOXING

Divya completes epic come-from-behind win, one of five leaders

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

DIVYA Deshmukh staged an epic come-from-behind win to upstage tournament leader Anna Muzychuk in the eighth round of the women's Candidates on Tuesday. Deshmukh, losing for much of the game, just wanted to fight; something she has already showed an appetite for in Cyprus over the previous seven rounds.

Divya Deshmukh

The 20-year-old, who won the women's World Cup last year to qualify for this meet, was, at one point of time, holding her face in her hands as the position she had was precarious. Her opening was a disaster. For a very long time, she was a few moves from losing completely. But in a queen endgame, the Ukrainian made a couple of inaccuracies as she kept over-extending in a dead draw position as she didn't want to make peace with the fact that she had let a clear advantage slip.

With Deshmukh up a pawn in the endgame and totally winning, the Ukrainian opted to fight on when she was could have resigned on the spot. In the end, she ran out of time before shaking hands.

The Indian's win, coupled with R Vaishali's draw against Bibisara Assaubayeva, meant that as many as five women are tied at 4.5 points for first place, including both Deshmukh and Vaishali. And from an Indian perspective, Wednesday is going to be a must-not-miss day as both the Indians face each other. The stakes cannot be any more higher.

But, on the Open side, R Praggnanandhaa's already slim chances of winning the tournament suffered a beating as he was demolished by Anish Giri. But Javokhir Sindarov's tightened his stranglehold on the leaderboard as Fabiano Caruana lost to Hikaru Nakamura.

Results: Open: Javokhir Sindarov drew with Andrey Esipenko, Anish Giri bt R Praggnanandhaa, Wei Yi drew with Matthias Bluebaum, Hikaru Nakamura bt Fabiano Caruana. **Women:** Divya Deshmukh bt Anna Muzychuk, Zhu Jiner bt Tan Zhongyi, Kateryna Lagno bt Aleksandra Goryachkina, R Vaishali drew with Bibisara Assaubayeva.

Toothless Chennaiyin go down to Inter Kashi at home in ISL

CHANDRA PRABHU @Chennai

WHEN Alfred Planas hit the net to register Inter Kashi's second goal at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium on Tuesday, Chennaiyin FC dugout wore a sorry look. Clifford Miranda, who is trying to instill a new style of play this season, saw his team fail again, and this time in meek fashion.

The defenders did their bit to avoid conceding chances — apart from an awkward header from Mohammed Ali Bemmamer that fell perfectly to Planas who then slotted into the bottom right corner — but Chennaiyin's lack of proactiveness posed a concern.

In the first half, the hosts only had four touches in the opposition box. Inigo Martin, who returned to the squad for the match, failed to make an impact, further continuing his cold streak.

He was substituted with Daniel Chima-Chukwu in the 59th minute. In the second half, the team woke up and tried to take the direct approach. Farukh Choudhury's left-footed ground shot in the 61st minute was the home side's first shot on goal.

Then, only two other shots came on target, with Chima-Chukwu's volley finding the net at the fifth minute of stoppage time. But that was too little, too late.

What is more concerning is that Chennaiyin had the ball for most parts.

Finishing the game with 66 per cent, Chennaiyin failed to convert that to productive possession.

Result: Chennaiyin FC 1 (Chima-Chukwu 90'+5) lost to Inter Kashi 2 (Planas 46', 54').

Action from the match between Chennaiyin FC & Inter Kashi | ASHWIN PRASATH

WOUNDED REDS TAKE ON PSG

Holders PSG have the chance to bare their teeth against Liverpool while Barcelona face Atletico Madrid. A look of the remaining two Champions League first leg quarterfinal fixtures...

PSG vs Liverpool

Perhaps, one of the more surprising of the extended Champions League was PSG not finishing in the top-eight. However, their awesome firepower was on display against Chelsea when they tore through in the last-16 stage. Now they can repeat that against Liverpool who are having an indifferent season. Arne Slot knows this is a final chance of some silverware but the chances of that are very slim.

Liverpool's Hugo Ekitike

Barcelona vs Atletico

Over the last decade, Barcelona haven't had a great time of it in Europe's biggest competition but it could all change again. They have abundant arsenal thanks to the likes of Lamine Yamal & Robert Lewandowski. Their attack have scored a hatful of goals across all competitions this season and will know they can get behind most defences for fun. However, they remain porous at the back and it's why Atletico will also fancy their chances in this all-Spain contest. Julian Alvarez is their jewel and he is bang in form.

LIVE ON SONY SPORTS NETWORKS | 12:30 AM (IST THURSDAY)

EXPRESS READ

Weightlifter Sairaj gets provisional ban for doping

NEW DELHI: Commonwealth Championships (junior) gold medal-winning weightlifter Sairaj Pardeshi has been provisionally suspended by the National Anti-Doping Agency for a failed dope test, months after alleging a conspiracy to sabotage his career by a coach. He has tested positive for "Metanolone", a banned anabolic steroid that aids muscle building. The 18-year-old has alleged conspiracy behind the outcome.

Golfer Dhruv on top after opening round

VISAKHAPATNAM: Dhruv Sheoran, a winner on the DP World PGTI, posted an opening round of four-under 67 to set the pace in Round 1 of the Rs 1 crore Andhra Open at the East Point Golf Club (EPGC) here on Tuesday. The 31-year-old Dhruv soared to the top of the leaderboard with an eagle on the par-5 12th and a run of three consecutive birdies from the first through the third.

Wrestling: Silver for Lalit, bronze for Sunil

(KYRGYZSTAN): Lalit bagged India's first medal of the 2026 Senior Asian Wrestling Championships, claiming a silver in the 55kg Greco Roman category while Nitesh reached the final of the 97kg competition here on Tuesday. Former champion Sunil Kumar added another bronze medal to his trophy cabinet to make it a fruitful day for the Indian contingent.

ATHLETICS

Triple jumper Aboobacker wants to carry momentum ahead of crucial meets

CHANDRA PRABHU @Chennai

DESPITE a strong return last year, 2022 Commonwealth Games medallist Abdulla Aboobacker could not round it off the way he wanted. At the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo, Aboobacker missed out on qualifying to the finals of men's triple jump from the heats. His best mark was at 16.33 metres, while the qualifying mark was 17.10m.

Now, ahead of a crucial year, Aboobacker could not have asked for a better start. The 29-year-old from Kerala began the season with two medal-winning performances. He began with a 16.83m leap at the Indian Open Jumps competition at Anju Bobby George High Performance centre in Bengaluru. He followed with a 16.82m jump at the Indian Open Athletics series – 1. Both those marks earned him gold. The Palakkad athlete said he was saving his best for the big events this season. "I only did three jumps in both the competitions. I hope to give my best in the National Senior Athletics Federation Competition (in Ranchi next month), followed by the big events – Commonwealth Games (in Glasgow) and the Asian Games (in Aichi Nagoya, Japan)," he told this daily in a virtual interaction on Tuesday.

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>
> Abdulla Aboobacker

Aboobacker felt that those jumps are also part of him getting to optimal shape. "After Tokyo, I have been recovering and working on my strength at the Inspire Institute of Sport (IIS) with strength and conditioning coach Spencer Mackay and physiotherapist Aswin S. Then, in December last year, I moved to the Air Force facility in Bengaluru, and I have been in constant touch with them to help me out. That is why I have been jumping below the 17-metre mark," he explained.

Aboobacker said he banks on his experience to keep himself confident. "To help myself be motivated, I look back on the last few years – 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 and the failures I had. Then, I was mentally down. To come back up, I spent a lot of time alone, thinking about what happened and how it happened. Because of those experiences, I am mentally stable and prepared." Spending time with family has also helped him stay motivated.

While his start might have gotten him high on confidence, he will expect some tough fights going forward. In addition to current national record holder Praveen Chithravel continuing to impress, Selva Prabhu – who cracked the national indoor record with a leap of 17.05 in the NCAA's Indoor Track and Field Championship in the USA last month – will also be another name to watch out for. For Aboobacker, performances like these are welcome and will further help Indian triple-jumpers in the long run.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

MYTHS & FACTS

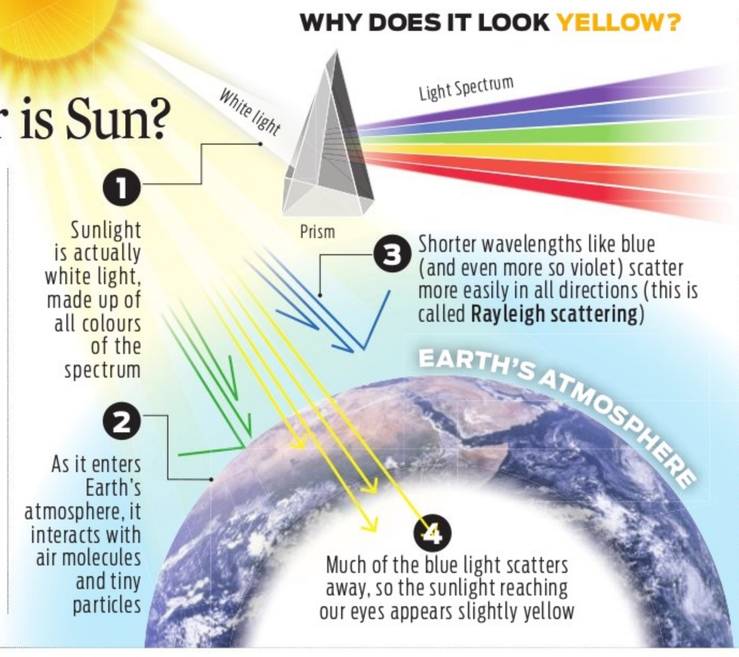
THINK AGAIN

What colour is Sun?

THE FACT: The Sun is actually white, it appears yellow to us because of Earth's atmosphere

WHAT ABOUT SPACE?

- In space, there is no atmosphere to scatter light
- All wavelengths travel directly to the eye, so the Sun appears bright white
- Images from spacecraft and observations by astronauts confirm that the Sun's true colour is white, not yellow


Sun
WHY DOES IT LOOK YELLOW?
White light
Light Spectrum
Prism
1 Sunlight is actually white light, made up of all colours of the spectrum
2 As it enters Earth's atmosphere, it interacts with air molecules and tiny particles
3 Shorter wavelengths like blue (and even more so violet) scatter more easily in all directions (this is called Rayleigh scattering)
EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE
4 Much of the blue light scatters away, so the sunlight reaching our eyes appears slightly yellow

WHY IS IT RED AT SUNSET?

During sunrise and sunset, sunlight travels through a thicker layer of the atmosphere due to the low angle

This causes most shorter wavelengths (blue and violet) and even some mid-range colours like green and yellow to scatter away

What remains are longer wavelengths giving Sun its reddish appearance

SCIENCE IN PLAIN SIGHT

Behind red glow

THOSE tiny red lights on CCTV cameras aren't just telling you that you're being recorded; they actually serve a much more important purpose. They're infrared (IR) LEDs and they help the camera see even in the dark.

When the lights go out, a camera can't rely on normal visible light to capture clear images. That's where IR comes in. These LEDs emit infrared light, invisible to our eyes, but easily picked up by the camera's sensor. This allows the camera to record clear footage, usually even in pitch-dark conditions.

What makes it smarter is the automation. A Light Dependent Resistor (LDR) senses how bright or dark the surroundings are. During the day, it keeps the IR lights off. As soon as it gets dark, it switches them on, seamlessly turning the camera into night mode without any manual effort.

By Sri Loganathan Velmurugan

INNOVATIVE WAYS

Can farm waste replace fossil fuels in rubber?

RESEARCHERS are now scouting alternatives to reduce dependence on fossil fuel-derived carbon black in rubber products like tyres, seals and industrial rubber components. One in the forefront of all alternatives in this regard is biochar, which is a carbon-rich material made from agricultural and organic waste. Carbon black's unique structure has been found to enhance rubber's strength and durability as it provides resistance to wear-and-tear. But producing carbon black involves fossil fuels and is found to be highly energy-intensive as the process releases more carbon dioxide (CO_2) and hazardous byproducts that are damaging to the environment. A study conducted by researchers at Shenyang Agricultural University, who are exploring biochar as the alternative, highlights that for every tonne of carbon black produced 2.4 tonnes of CO2 is emitted. Hence biochar is being looked at as an alternative. It is produced by heating biomass or agricultural residues in low oxygen conditions, converting organic material into a stable, carbon-rich solid with a porous structure and high surface area. Biochar with higher surface area and optimized functional groups bond better with rubber to improve its durability. Mechanical treatments can reduce particle size and enhance dispersion, while chemical modifications can tailor surface properties to improve compatibility with rubber matrices.

Simply SCIENTIFICO

Science is a world in itself. Here are some interesting facts that connect with you

Nirad Mudur

BRAIN CANDY • The oldest river in the world is Australia's Finke River, which formed between 300 million and 400 million years ago

SILENT STRAIN

A WARMER WORLD, A TIRED MIND

Heat is quietly eroding sleep and cognitive control, leaving people more fatigued and irritable, with effects visible in reduced productivity and rising road rage

TAMREEN SULTANA @ Hyderabad

HOT air. Damp sheets. A restless turn. A distant horn. A barking dog. A ceiling fan that does nothing but push the same heat around the room. Time stretches. Sleep fractures. The night refuses to soften.

Morning comes anyway and with it, the slow accumulation of everything the night could not fix.

Across cities, the day begins already strained. The roads fill early. Horns layer over one another — first as signals, then as impatience. A driver wipes sweat from his neck, misses a signal, and brakes too late. Another leans out, shouts. It escalates quickly. No one quite knows why.

Heat, now, is no longer just a discomfort people endure. It is quietly reshaping how they sleep, how they think, how they react. A growing body of research points to a clear pattern: rising temperatures are disrupting sleep, weakening cognitive performance, and lowering emotional thresholds — with consequences that spill into everyday life, and increasingly, onto the roads.

It begins at night, in rooms that never quite cool. Studies show warmer nights are consistently linked to shorter, poorer sleep. Even a slight rise in temperature, around 27°C, can reduce sleep by 15–17 minutes, increasing the likelihood of getting fewer than six hours. As the body struggles to cool itself, sleep becomes lighter, more fragmented and easily disrupted, with the deficit building night after night.

What changes is not just how long people sleep, but how deeply. Research by Alain Buguet, Manny W Radomski, Jacques Reis and Peter S Spencer shows that heatwaves reduce deep and REM sleep — the stages essential for recovery — turning sleep from restoration into another form of stress.

Through the day, it surfaces in small but telling ways. Attention blurs at the edges. Memory falters. Decisions take longer, feel heavier. Emotional balance weakens. Even brief exposure to extreme heat can reduce cognitive performance, while longer stretches deepen the strain — sometimes tipping into a bad mood and depression.

Work does not escape it. In heat-exposed environments, productivity can drop by 30% to 60%. Outdoor and labour-intensive sectors feel it first, but indoor work is not spared. Performance rises to a point, then steadily declines as temperatures climb.

On the roads, the change is harder to ignore. Drivers honk more. Wait less. React quicker than they mean to. In cities where heat lingers in concrete and asphalt, even ordinary commutes begin to feel charged. Fatigue, delayed reactions, and irritability converge — and moments that should pass quietly escalate instead.

At the physiological level, the explanation is direct.

AIIMS resident Dr SM Turab explained, "Heat disrupts sleep by making it harder to fall asleep and causing frequent awakenings, as the body cannot maintain the ideal bedroom temperature of 18–22°C. It also triggers the release of stress hormones like adrenaline and cortisol, increasing irritability, restlessness and the likelihood of conflicts, including road rage. Heat drains energy, leading to dehydration, cognitive impairment, and reduced motivation."

But the effects are not just physical — they are behavioural, layered, cumulative.

Zoya Ahmed, a psychologist, said, "Extreme heat disrupts sleep and behaviour, leading to fatigue, irritability and reduced impulse control. In high-pressure settings like traffic, this lowers tolerance, making people more likely to react impulsively and increasing road rage and conflicts."

Neurologists explained that when sleep is disrupted, activity in the prefrontal cortex — which governs impulse control and decision-making — decreases, while the amygdala becomes more reactive. This imbalance increases irritability and impulsive behaviour, lowering tolerance in high-stress situations like traffic and raising the likelihood of aggression, including road rage.

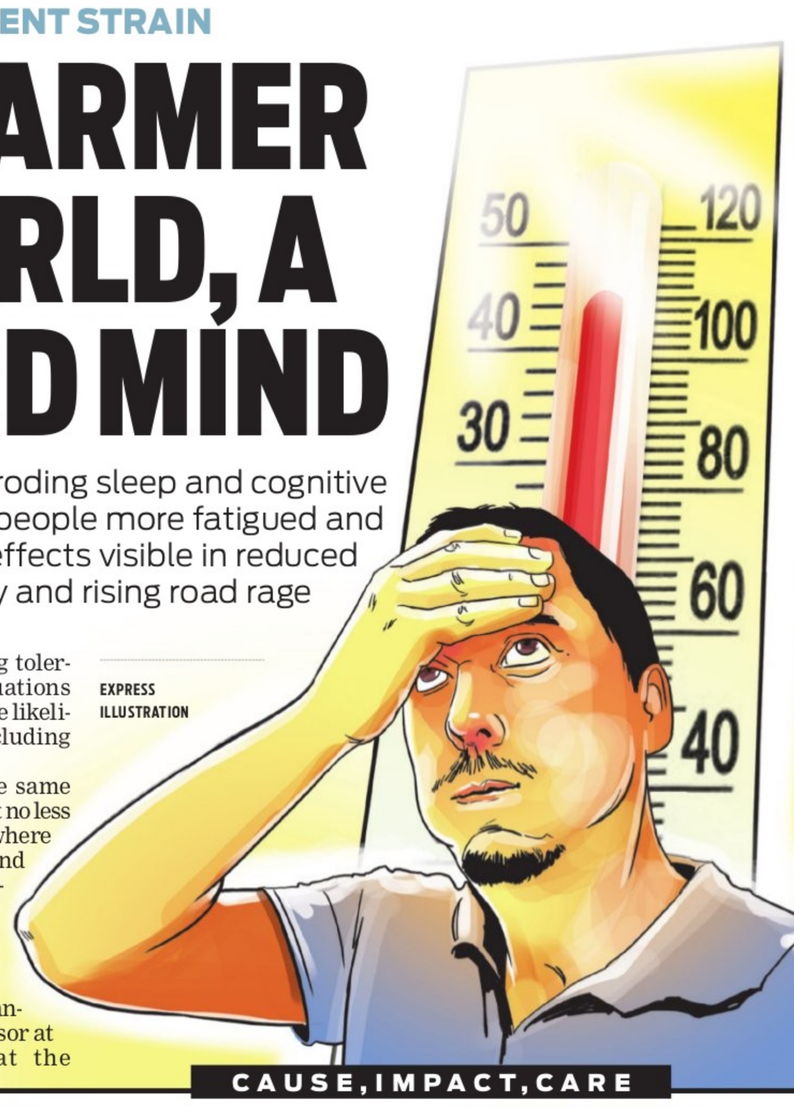
Beyond the cities, the same heat settles differently, but no less heavily. In rural India, where livelihoods depend on land and weather, the strain extends beyond discomfort. It seeps into uncertainty, into loss, into mental health.

Dr Nanda Kishore Kannuri, an associate professor at UoH, told *TNIE* that the TOLAKARI project examines how rising temperatures affect farmers' health, particularly mental health and depression. Using participatory research and weather-linked data, it aims to co-develop and test a heat-informed mental health intervention. The five-year study focuses on vulnerable farming communities in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

Experts say the impact is uneven, with older adults, children, outdoor workers and those without cooling most affected. In heat-retaining cities and rain-dependent villages, the strain remains constant. Simple steps like staying hydrated, taking breaks, using cooling and ensuring ventilation can help.

At a broader level, responses are emerging, from cooling centres and heat alerts to changes in urban design and work patterns, recognising heat as a behavioural, economic and human challenge.

Yet it rarely feels like a crisis. It arrives quietly — one restless night, one irritable morning at a time — slipping into routine almost unnoticed. And when exhaustion becomes familiar, when strain begins to feel normal, at what point does it stop feeling like change?



EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

CAUSE, IMPACT, CARE

Sleep disruption

- Warm nights prevent the body from cooling down, which is essential for initiating and maintaining restful sleep
- This leads to lighter, fragmented sleep with frequent awakenings, reducing overall sleep quality
- On particularly hot nights (around 27ºC), people tend to sleep 15–17 minutes less on average, increasing the risk of sleep deprivation over time

Impact on the Brain

- Heat stress reduces activity in the prefrontal cortex, the region responsible for decision-making, focus and impulse control
- At the same time, it increases activity in the amygdala, which processes emotions and stress responses
- This imbalance results in reduced judgement, slower reaction times and a higher tendency toward irritability and impulsive behaviour

Behavioural Changes

- Prolonged exposure to heat is linked to increased irritability, frustration and aggression in daily interactions
- In high-pressure environments such as traffic, people are more likely to react impulsively, leading to road rage and conflicts
- Even otherwise calm individuals may experience lower tolerance levels and heightened emotional responses during heatwaves

Productivity Drop

- Heat exposure causes fatigue, dehydration and cognitive overload, all of which affect performance
- Key functions such as attention, memory and reaction time begin to decline as temperatures rise
- Studies show that productivity can drop by 30% to 60% in some work environments, especially where cooling is inadequate

Most Vulnerable

- Elderly individuals, who often have weaker thirst detection mechanisms, are at higher risk of dehydration
- Young children, who may not recognise or communicate their needs effectively, are also more vulnerable
- Outdoor workers and low-income groups without access to cooling systems face prolonged exposure, increasing both physical and mental strain

What Can Help

- Staying well hydrated is essential to prevent fatigue and cognitive decline
- Taking frequent breaks from heat exposure helps the body recover and maintain stability
- Maintaining cool indoor environments (ideally 18–22ºC) supports better sleep and productivity
- Reducing direct sunlight while ensuring proper ventilation can significantly improve comfort and health

FIND *The big ideas*

Use the letter grid to solve clues revealing well-known theories, films & famous scientists

THINK IT THROUGH

1 • Which theory suggests that fundamental particles are tiny vibrating strings? (6,6)

2 • This sci-fi film explores time dilation near black holes and features a journey through a wormhole (12)

3 • Which physicist proposed that black holes emit radiation due to quantum effects near the event horizon? (7,7)

4 • Which scientist formulated the field equations that describe how matter and energy influence spacetime curvature? (6,8)

5 • Which concept lets particles cross barriers they shouldn't? (7, 10)

6 • This sci-fi film depicts a simulated reality controlled by machines (3, 6)

THE LETTER GRID	A	B	E	G	H	I	K	L	M	N
	O	Q	R	S	T	U	W	X	Y	P

Previous Puzzles answer key: *Chandrayaan-3, Viking 1, Event Horizon Telescope*

COSMIC VIEW

Our planet draws closer to passing behind the Moon in this image captured by the Artemis II crew during their lunar flyby, about six minutes before Earthset. Earth is in a crescent phase, with sunlight coming from the right. The dark portion of Earth is experiencing nighttime. On Earth's day side, swirling clouds are visible over muted blue in the Australia and Oceania region | NASA

NASA's Artemis 2 crew travelled farther from Earth than any humans before, passing behind the Moon and briefly losing contact with Earth. During the lunar flyby, they witnessed a rare solar eclipse from space, observed lunar features, spotted meteoroid impacts, & captured views of Earth and Moon's far side.

After completing lunar flyby, Artemis 2 crew began a 4 day journey back to Earth on Tuesday. The Orion spacecraft is exiting Moon's gravitational pull & performing trajectory corrections as astronauts conduct system checks and prepare for re-entry, including parachute-assisted splashdown in the Pacific Ocean.

Undead pathogen eating the vitals of eucalyptus

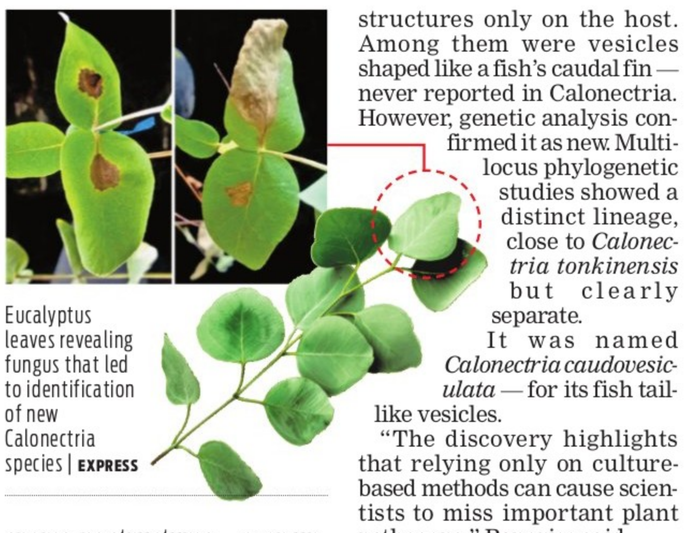
SIDDHARDHA GATTIMI @ Hyderabad

The leaves looked ordinary at first — pale, tired green, edges curling slightly. The kind of damage that could be dismissed as stress or a passing infection. But beneath those blighted patches, something else was unfolding.

Deep within the infected Eucalyptus leaves, a fungus lived quietly — present, active, yet invisible to routine detection methods. It did not behave as expected. In the laboratory, it left no trace.

And so, it remained hidden. During investigations into Calonectria leaf blight (CLB), PhD scholar Sabyasachi Banerjee and his team at the Forest Research Institute, Dehradun, noticed something was amiss. Samples from infected leaves were placed on standard media, where fungi are expected to grow, reproduce and reveal themselves.

But this one refused. No spores, no structures — even under forced sporulation, there was only silence. It appeared absent. And yet, it was not. When returned to living leaves, the fungus came alive, spreading across healthy Eucalyptus clones and causing severe blight.



Eucalyptus leaves revealing fungus that led to identification of new Calonectria species | EXPRESS

On infected leaves, it revealed itself, producing reproductive structures only on the host. Among them were vesicles shaped like a fish's caudal fin — never reported in Calonectria. However, genetic analysis confirmed it as new. Multi-locus phylogenetic studies showed a distinct lineage, close to *Calonectria tonkinensis* but clearly separate.

It was named *Calonectria caudovesiculata* — for its fish tail-like vesicles.

"The discovery highlights that relying only on culture-based methods can cause scientists to miss important plant pathogens," Banerjee said.

The implications extend beyond the laboratory. CLB spreads quickly in warm, humid conditions, damaging leaves, weakening stems and killing plants. For Eucalyptus, widely grown for timber and paper, losses are both biological and economic.

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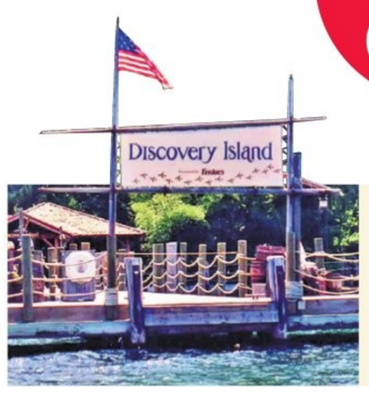


DAY'S DIARY

Ahoy, Islanders!

Treasure Island, located in the middle of Bay Lake near the Contemporary Resort, opened at Walt Disney World today in 1974

MAINSTREAM INSPO

In late 1970s, its name was changed to Discovery Island. Its theme was based on the 1950 Disney pirate adventure film, 'Treasure Island', with a wrecked ship visible on the shore

ENVIRONMENT

The ecological park showcased over 140 species of animals, 250 different kinds of tropical plants, and featured a 320 foot by 102 foot walk-through aviary

THAT'S A WRAP

The 11.5-acre nature preserve was accessible by boat, until its official closure on April 8, 1999, about a year after Animal Kingdom opened

CE's curated list of events from the city

PG 2

Members of folk rock band Alva Kuuto

Tunes from Tulu Nadu

Musician Praveen Alva of folk rock band Alva Kuuto is on a mission to tell stories in Tulu set to sounds of today

MAHIMA NAGARAJU

FROM the fiery and metal-infused *Paageyta Pugey* (Smoke of Vengeance), expressing the rage of being stolen from, to *Ashana* (Meal), which tells the story of a village feast where caste shapes what food you receive and when, Tulu folk rock band Alva Kuuto's songs attempt to tell stories rooted in Tulu culture but with the sounds of today, in the process becoming a snapshot of the fast-fading language as it exists today.

Singer Praveen Alva explains, "I wanted to see if we could create the sound of now in Tulu so future generations can look back and think 'this is how Tulu was in 2026'. This is our drop in the ocean, especially as Tulu is considered a vulnerable language by UNESCO and its speakers are reducing. Art forms' responsibility is to showcase the time that we are in now, the problems, celebrations and the common man of today – that is what we try to capture."

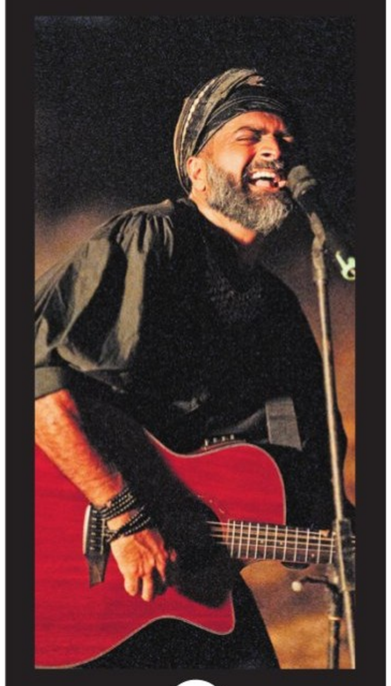
The journey did not start with the intention of preservation or of being a cultural ambassador though, but 'emerged out of boredom' as Alva recalls, "I'd taken a break from my architecture job and in that gap, I figured out I can write songs. I'd written before in Hindi and English, but they were mediocre. But when I started writing in Tulu, I could come up with lyrics that were personal and access memories of my childhood with ease. It opened up a lot within me. The song I came up with, about my grandmother putting me to sleep, was so powerful, I got sucked into it."

Alva started off as a solo artiste, performing at open mics where he met the rest of the band – bassist Abhilash Shet, drummer Anshuman Upadhyay and guitarist Shashank Kandachar – forming Alva Kuuto in 2022. Alva's solo work is often more bare and intimate than the band's rock sound, usually accompanied by the strum of his guitar, like his 2020 single *Prarthaney*, a prayer to save the earth from environmental destruction. However, the essence of Tulu Nadu's folk arts informs both the band and Alva's solo music, especially the songwriting, as he explains, "Folk is a form of storytelling – people talk about the mundane, the heroic acts of an individual, there is one, for example, where a girl who has been bitten by a snake is saying 'please tell my father I love him'; the whole song is about that. The essence of storytelling in folk arts is beautiful and that's what we try to bring into our music too."

To make sure this storytelling translates to audiences that do not understand Tulu, Alva often starts off each song by setting context in English, but most of the work is done by the music itself, says Alva, "We set the context so the song can become the background score for the audience's imagination. We try not to complicate it too much because it is not necessary to understand the lyrics word by word; we tell our audience to stop understanding and just feel the rhythm. If someone is really interested, they can go home and look up the lyrics."

At the festival, where 24 artistes across Bengaluru's indie scene perform one song, Alva is set to perform an unreleased song, *Rajana Deverh*, which translates to 'King's God'. Alva explains, "Whenever a new regime or king takes over, throughout history, and today too, the first thing the king does is establish the King's God, which the people have to follow too. The song is an exploration of that."

(Praveen Alva is set to perform at the 24 Songs Festival organised by Blr Groove Co at Sabha, Kamaraj Road, on April 12, 8pm)



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Praveen Alva, singer-songwriter

Scepticism is healthy

We need to accept that content creation is a profession now and brand deals are a legitimate part of it. They help creators sustain themselves, invest in better equipment and continue making content. The line is crossed when a creator uses audience trust to sell something they do not believe in, have not properly vetted or know could mislead people. Controversies like this raise trust-related concerns but they can cut both ways. On one hand, they remind audiences to be more critical online but when accusations are made without evidence, they can unfairly damage creators who have built something genuine through hard work. Scepticism is healthy, but reckless allegation is not.
– **Varun Deval,** legal content creator

Assumption is urban = credible

Urban creators often come with visual cues we've been conditioned to associate with credibility: good lighting, fluent English, references. Rural creators have to work harder to earn the same trust, even when their content is equally or more substantive. This situation is holding up a mirror to something we don't like admitting; the fact that class shapes who we believe online. We extend charity to urban creators and suspicion to rural ones, often without realising it. That's not a problem of content, rather one of perception.
– **Keerthana N Rao,** student

Pujarini Pradhan

VIRAL BUZZ... WHAT'S THE FUSS?

Bengalureans share their take on the debate over Pujarini Pradhan, aka 'Life of Puja', who recently bagged a Netflix deal, being accused of an 'industry plant'

WHEN people hear 'content creator' or the internet slang 'influencer', what comes to mind says a lot about how we view the digital world. The internet today mirrors society itself, filled with all kinds of voices, backgrounds and identities. And yet, not all of them are received the same way – raising questions about who we choose to believe and follow. Recently, Life of Puja, run by Bengal-based homemaker Pujarini Pradhan, who has come a long way from a simple village homemaker to an unexpected star, has come under scrutiny over her authenticity, by an internet user accusing her of being an 'industry plant', sparking a wider conversation and being taken seriously online. It raises an important question – Are influencers obligated to be raw and honest on reels? Are audiences uncomfortable when a voice that doesn't fit familiar, urban ideas of an 'intellectual' suddenly gains visibility? Does social media still demand that creators fit into neat, urban narratives to be believed? *CE* captures what Bengalureans think!

(Compiled by Anjali Ram, Mahima Nagaraju, Sruthi Hemachandran, Nitya Dani)

Heavily rooted in bias

We have this weird desire to see misery or simplicity from rural creators. The backlash is heavily rooted in bias. When they show agency, earn money and refuse to be victims of their circumstances, the audience feels they've lost control. When Puja went the other way and started discussing Sylvia Plath from a rural kitchen in a saree, it created this massive cognitive dissonance for the audience. The controversy blew up because she refused to stay in this box created by people.
– **Swayam Avish Samdariya,** student

Everything is curated... so what?

Questioning Puja's authenticity seems ironic because I don't think anybody can afford to be fully authentic on social media. Also, what defines authenticity and who gets to define it? Secondly, if this is about her building a brand on social media – who doesn't do that? She is choosing what she wants to present on social media, not fooling her audience. I don't see any problem with this curation, especially when everything, including 'day in the life' videos are curated – why are we not criticising those too? Everything is an image and if someone is 'fooled' by it, I don't think there is any media literacy in the first place.
– **Mythili Bhat,** assistant professor

The outrage gives me hope

Our behaviour online is so predictable and repetitive, we are not even using our imagination when criticising something. I'm sure things would have played out differently if Puja was a man or from an urban part of the country. With this much uproar right after she got a Netflix deal, I hope more big names work with her and irk the sceptics while she continues to inspire more rural women. Despite all the sham, pretense and shallow pettiness, will all the support for her, I feel there is still hope and it is a sign that the system that tries to bring a woman down also is a system that can build her up.
– **Sourabha Rao,** filmmaker

Her demeanour makes you pause

My first impression of Puja's content was that it felt unusually composed and self aware. There's a certain stillness in the way she speaks that makes you pause, which is rare on social media right now. Honestly, it feels like people are less uncomfortable with her content and more with what she represents. When someone doesn't match our mental image of 'thoughtful' or 'intellectual', we look for explanations like calling them an 'industry plant'.
– **Khushi Naik,** content creator

CITY READ

Anime talent hunt targets Guinness World Record

IMAGE Infotainment Limited launched 'The GIANT Hunt,' a global anime and manga art contest, which will be conducted entirely online, at a recently-held press conferrence in the city. The initiative includes an official Guinness World Records attempt for the largest anime art contest, with a ₹3-crore prize pool. Open to participants aged eight and above, the competition emphasises originality, dismissing AI-assisted submissions. Registration will run until June 30, with entries accepted online across the categories. The contest welcomes both hand-drawn and digital artwork.

B'luru students secure placements abroad

Students of Government Tool Room and Training Centre (GTTC) have secured job offers from an Australian company following a recruitment drive, with offer letters distributed at a recent event. Eight candidates were chosen through a collaboration with the NEPEAN Group's PROK division for roles at its Sydney manufacturing unit. The recruitment drive involved a rigorous selection process supported by GTTC's advanced CNC infrastructure, precision tools and technical training systems. Officials noted the partnership reflects a focus on building a competitive workforce.

NEWS NUGGETS

SESIPL Contributes to Noida International Airport Project

Shankar Electricals Services (I) Pvt.Ltd. (SESIPL) has been part of the electrical infrastructure works at the Noida International Airport, Jewar - one of Asia's largest airports. The project was inaugurated on 28 March 2026 by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath. Founder & MD Shri Rajesh Shetty attended the ceremony, marking a proud milestone for the company and reaffirming its commitment to quality and large-scale infrastructure excellence.

ProNite 26 Lights Up PES University

ProNite '26, the grand finale of Aatmatrisha '26 at PES University, delivered a high-energy musical experience. Hosted by students Sudiksha Chindula and Rohan, the evening began with a soulful performance by alumnus Saanvi Shetty. The highlight of the night was singer Benny Dayal, who enthralled the crowd with hit numbers like 'Badtameez Dil', 'Bang Bang', and 'Chaiyya Chaiyya'. The electrifying performances made the event a memorable celebration of music and student spirit.

NMIT Hosts Survekshan 2026 Technical Fest

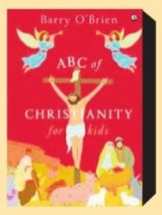
Survekshan 2026', the national-level technical fest organised by the Department of Civil Engineering at Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology (NMIT), was inaugurated by Chief Guest Mrs. Shubha Rao, Senior Bridge Structural Design Engineer at Bloom Companies LLC. Addressing students, she emphasised innovation and practical learning in engineering. The event witnessed the presence of Dr. J. Sudheer Reddy, Dr. S. Lokesh, Dr. H.C. Nagaraj, and Dr. Manjunatha L, highlighting academic and industry collaboration.

Italian Flair

The Consulate General of Italy in B'luru is hosting Italian Design Day, jointly with the Italian Ministry of Culture, showcasing the best of Italian designs

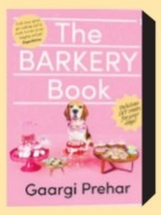
COME Friday, the Consulate General of Italy in Bengaluru, in collaboration with the Italian Ministry of Culture, will hold the Italian Design Day, celebrating Italian creativity, innovation and design genius, with a reflection on the role of design and architecture in regenerating spaces, ideas and objects, taking into account sustainability criteria. The 10th edition centres on the theme Re-Design. The event will commence with a keynote lecture by Antonella Andriani, vice-president of ADI (Associazione per il Disegno Industriale, Milan), at 10.30am at Srishti Manipal Institute of Art, Design and Technology. The talk will explore how Italy's prestigious design award, Compasso d'Oro, has determined the trajectory of Italian design, when it comes to sustainability, research and technological advancement. 'Icons of Design' exhibition, with a selection of celebrated design pieces honoured with Compasso d'Oro, will open at Science Gallery Bengaluru at 10am. The event will conclude with a curated dialogue, featuring Andriani alongside Bengaluru-based Italians in the design industry, architect Nicola La Noce (Kumar La Noce) and designer Federico Fraternale (Taro Collective), which will explore Italian design through the lens of art and science, while also explaining how its principles evolve and adapt within the cultural-material context of South India.

BOOK NOOK



ABC of Christianity for Kids
By Barry O'Brien

A delightful introduction to Christianity for young readers. This book brings Christian teachings to life with its colourful illustrations and simple writing style.



The Barkery Book
By Gaargi Prehar

Your ultimate guide to creating wholesome, delicious treats and meals for your furry companion, transforming simple, safe ingredients into irresistible delights your dog will adore.

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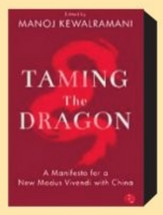
By Jupinderjit Singh

A ruthless underworld, tracing the rise of men who blur the line between outlaw and icon. Their rise comes at a deadly price, leaving behind a trail of bodies.



Taming the Dragon: A Manifesto for a New Modus Vivendi with China
By Manoj Kewalramani

Drawing on extensive research, it offers an action-oriented guide to navigating the challenges and opportunities posed by China's rise.

FOCUS ON FOLK

Folk artistes perform to mark the 119th birth anniversary of former Deputy Prime Minister Babu Jagjivan Ram at Vidhana Soudha | **NAGARAJA GADEKAL**

QUICKFIX

ICED CRANBERRY COFFEE

INGREDIENTS: (MAKES 1 GLASS)

- **Espresso (or ¼ cup strong cold brew):** 1 shot
- **Unsweetened cranberry juice:** 80-100 ml
- **Soda or tonic water:** 50-80 ml
- **Ice cubes**

METHOD

- Fill a tall glass with ice and pour cranberry juice first.
- Add soda/tonic. Slowly pour espresso on top for a layered look.
- Give it a gentle stir and serve.

Contributed by **Sanjeev Sharma,** Hyderabad

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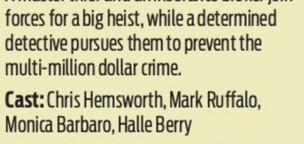


REGRETTING YOU (English)

When a devastating accident reveals a shocking betrayal, Morgan Grant and her daughter, Clara, explore what's left behind as they confront family secrets, redefine love, and rediscover each other.

Cast: Mckenna Grace, Mason Thames, Dave Franco

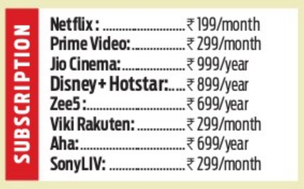
- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

THE TESTAMENT OF ANN LEE (English)

Revered by her followers, Ann Lee preaches gender and social equality as the founder of the devotional sect — The Shakers.

Cast: Amanda Seyfried, Lewis Pullman, Christopher Abbott

- **Watch on:** JioHotstar



CRIME 101 (English)

A master thief and an insurance broker join forces for a big heist, while a determined detective pursues them to prevent the multi-million dollar crime.

Cast: Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo, Monica Barbaro, Halle Berry

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

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IMPORTANCE OF STRETCHING

Stretching has long been considered a non-negotiable part of fitness. From school PE classes to gym routines, flexibility training has traditionally been placed alongside strength, endurance and cardiovascular health. But as training science evolves, an important question keeps surfacing: is dedicated stretching still necessary if you already do resistance training? Emerging evidence show that resistance training performed through a full range of motion can improve flexibility just as effectively as stretching alone. Exercises such as squats, Romanian deadlifts, lunges and chest flys take joints and muscles through lengthened positions while under load. This process acts like a form of 'dynamic, loaded stretching.'

WHEN STRETCHING MAY NOT BE ESSENTIAL

- If you regularly lift weights with proper form and a full range of motion, additional stretching may not provide significant extra benefits.
- Stretching alone does not meaningfully increase muscle strength or muscle size compared to resistance training.
- Time spent stretching may be less impactful than time spent improving movement quality and exercise execution.

STRETCHING DURING WARM-UPS AND COOL-DOWNS

- Static stretching before workouts can temporarily reduce strength and power if done excessively.
- Dynamic movements, light cardio, or mobility drills can prepare the body just as effectively for training.
- Cool-down stretching, passive rest, or low-intensity movement show similar recovery outcomes.

WHEN STRETCHING STILL ADDS VALUE

- Individuals with restricted mobility, joint stiffness or past injuries may benefit from targeted stretching.
- Stretching can help relieve feelings of tightness and improve comfort during daily movement.
- It can also support relaxation and nervous system recovery when used intentionally.

If you're lifting weights regularly and training through a full range of motion, dedicated stretching may not be essential for improving flexibility. However, stretching can still be useful if you feel persistently tight, are returning from injury or need to address specific mobility limitations.

Ultimately, flexibility doesn't come from stretching alone, it comes from how well and how fully you move.

By Abhishek K, fitness expert, cult — a fitness and wellness platform

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WHEN: April 8, 8pm
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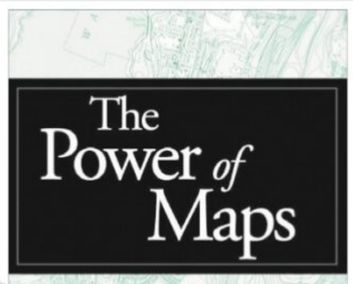
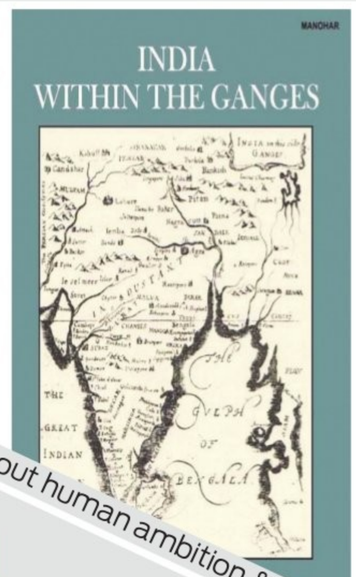
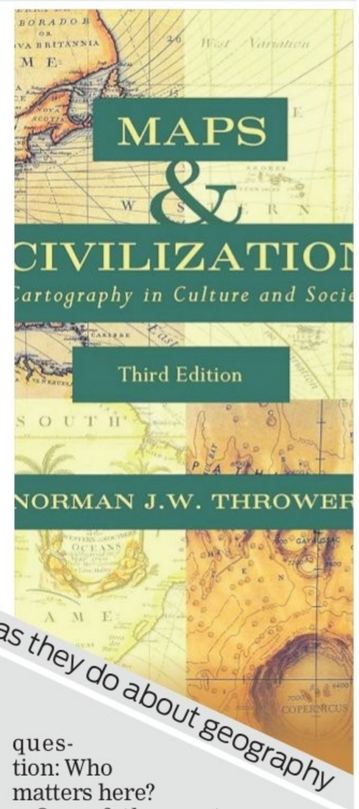
All about maps that reveal as much about human ambition & views as they do about geography







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(The author is a technologist based in Silicon Valley who is gently mad about books)

IN the book *This Way Up*, comedians and YouTube sensations Mark Cooper-Jones and Jay Foreman (popularly known as The Map Men) make geography joyful by pointing out cartographic blunders and misplaced borders. One of their recurring jokes is about world maps that forget to include New Zealand. Humour, however, is only the doorway. Behind it lies a profound truth: maps are among humanity's most revealing creations. And some of the most compelling reflections on civilisation are found in books about maps.

Long before satellites and GPS, human beings scratched rivers and mountains onto cave walls. Over time, cartography became both science and storytelling. Few books capture this evolution as elegantly as *Maps and Civilization: Cartography in Culture and Society* by Norman JW Thrower. Thrower charts the intimate relationship between maps and history, and shows how civilisations reveal themselves in the way they draw their boundaries.

This theme is explored more provocatively in *The Power of Maps* by Denis Wood. Wood dismantles the illusion that maps are neutral. They are instruments of persuasion. Property lines, taxation districts, voting boundaries – they are cartographic decisions that shape reality.

In India, the story of mapping carries its own layered complexity. *India Within The Ganges* by Susan Gole examines how European cartographers gradually constructed their understanding of the subcontinent. The title refers to the old Latin phrase, India intra Gangem (India within the Ganges), used to distinguish familiar territories from lands beyond. Gole reveals how geography was entwined with trade, exploration and eventually the empire.

An outstanding volume that would enrich any collection is India Through *Iconic Maps* (Roli Books, 2025). With its top-class format and brilliant reproductions, the book contains over 250 maps, many unpublished thus far, that span 800 years of the subcontinent's history. Old maps are coveted not just for their beauty but because they capture moments when knowledge shifted – when continents were renamed and coastlines clarified.

The Map Thief by Michael Blanding tells the gripping story of E Forbes Smiley III, a respected rare map dealer who stole priceless maps from libraries, including Yale, before his arrest in 2005. Maps inspire fiction, too. In *The Cartographers* by Peng Shepherd, a daughter discovers an unusual map among her deceased father's belongings, setting off a journey through memory and danger. Here, the map becomes a metaphor, a reminder that geography is inseparable from identity.

Books about maps reveal what a culture knew, what it valued and what it ignored. Colonial maps inflated imperial power while shrinking indigenous presence. Early navigational charts privileged winds and trade routes over political borders. Every map answers an unspoken question: Who matters here?

One of the most intriguing modern creations I encountered was the *Map of the Literature* charting over 5,000 authors and books across time and geography. It shows how stories migrated across borders long before passports existed. Nations rise and recede; rivers endure. What appears permanent today may look provisional tomorrow. Maps freeze a moment of certainty, but time inevitably redraws the lines. In an age of GPS, the tactile engagement of unfolding a paper map, the act of orienting oneself, is slowly fading. Books about maps, however, remind us that navigation once required imagination. To read them is to read about humanity's longing for orientation.

We seek to know where we stand, not only physically but also morally and culturally. Maps promise clarity. The best books about them remind us that clarity is always partial. In the end, maps do not simply chart land. They compress ambition, fear, conquest, curiosity and hope into lines and legends. And the writers who explore them help us see that every coordinate contains a story. We may no longer unfold paper maps at crossroads. But through these books, we unfold something far more enduring: the realisation that how we draw the world determines how we live in it.

(The writer's views are personal)

World War in the time of Social Media

HRIDAY RANJAN
Urban Bourbon

(Writer, comedian)

I always wondered who declares a third world war – is it the UN, NATO, or the uncle who hijacks the park bench? As we speak, about 32 countries in the world are at conflict with other countries. The US-Israel attack on Iran is turning out to be a season of WWE SmackDown. Iran, meanwhile, is bombing Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Kuwait. A large number of countries worldwide are going through deadly crises. Even our neighbours, Pakistan, are at war with Afghanistan.

Surprisingly, it doesn't feel like it. Just a few decades ago, armed conflicts of this scale would have dominated the papers and news channels. As a journalism student, I would constantly refresh news websites to keep track of what was happening. There was a certain anxiety that global conflicts carried with them. None of that is true in today's times.

We consume our news on social media today. Memes fly faster than missiles, and reels have replaced news debates. On the surface, it might seem shallow. But perhaps the younger generation has found a way to cope with global conflicts using humour as a coping mechanism. Maybe we live in a post-truth world, where feelings are more important than facts. Where 'what happened' is eclipsed by 'how one feels' about an event. There is no Iron Dome for opinions. Every opinion, from every corner of both sides of the fence – is published.

If world leaders thought they'd strike fear in people's hearts by declaring war, they couldn't be further from the truth algorithm. People consume their speeches as reels, memes and trends. You see images of a missile striking, followed by a cat that is thick friends with a dog. Trump's ultimatum to blow up Iran is followed by a reel of Jackie Shroff asking folks to plant trees. Putin warns Ukraine of dire consequences, but with a flick of your thumb – you're now watching an ad for a mattress that'll help you sleep through the apocalypse. Of course, there are still old-world social media platforms like X (formerly Twitter), where people still clash with sharp opinions. But they have been reduced to a minor, bickering minority.

Earlier, we had 'war specialists' who participated in debates on Live TV. These esteemed gentlemen spoke in complicated terms and charts. Today, you don't need a course in world affairs to post an opinion. You need a phone with a decent processor, references that connect with followers, and a sense of humour. My friends who couldn't point to Iran on a map share stories about uranium enrichment. While the younger generation has kept itself emotionally insulated, the older generation continues to spread everyday panic among themselves. My family WhatsApp groups have been in panic mode since day one. Iran's troubles cannot hold a candle to the carcinogenic elements in rotis. The Strait of Hormuz might control 20 per cent of the world's oil needs, but my family is convinced that biofuel dung should replace LPG in our homes.

(The writer's views are personal)

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2 In 1868, the administrative offices were shifted to 'Attara Kacheri', meaning '18 offices', a term coined for Mysore governance by Chikkadevaraja Wodeyar, influenced by Aurangzeb's style of administration) and were officially called the Mysore Public Offices. What is housed in the Attara Kacheri building today, after the state's administrative offices got shifted to Vidhana Soudha in 1956?

3 Raj Bhavan, the official residence of the governor of Karnataka, has been recently renamed to Lok Bhavan. It was originally a private bungalow built in the early 1840s by Sir Mark Cubbon, the then British Commissioner of Mysore state. Lewin Bentham Bowring, who succeeded Cubbon as Commissioner, purchased the bungalow using government funds in 1862 and it was used as the official residence of the Commissioner. With the rendition in 1881, when the power was transferred to the Mysore royal family, the office of the commissioner was abolished, and the building was used as the residence of the Resident till 1947. What was the bungalow called then – The Residency or Balabrooie ?

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I, Mrs. SUNEETA S KHATOKAR, aged about 42 years; W/O SHIVAKUMAR G KHATOKAR, Presently Residing at Flat No 301, A Block, Yuva Infinity Blue Meadows, 2nd Cross, Subbaiah Garden, Balagere Road, Varthur, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560087, have changed my name from **SUNEETA VENKANNA GARASANGI** to **SUNEETA S KHATOKAR,** vide affidavit dated 6/4/2026 sworn to before Yankoba Advocate and Notary Bangalore

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CHANGE OF NAME
I, **LAKSHMIKANTHA L**, S/o.Narasimha Pandith, residing at No. 881, 22nd A Main 24th 'A' Cross HSR layout 2nd Sector, Bengaluru-560102, declaring that Both **LAKSHMIKANTH and LAKSHMIKANTHA L** names are one and belongs to me only, vide affidavit dated 24.03.2026, sworn before notary V Srinivasa Reddy, Bengaluru.

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I, **R SANTA BHAI**, W/o. Ex late NK DEVISINGH, presently residing at Near Hanumanji Temple, Thatnahalli, Magondhi, Kolar, Karnataka 563114, today camping at Bengaluru, have changed my name from **R SANTA BHAI** to **SANTHIBAI**, vide Affidavit Dated: 28/02/2026, sworn before XXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City.

CHANGE OF NAME
By this deed, I, the undersigned, Shreyas Shetty (new name), previously known as Prisha Shetty (old name), a minor represented by his natural guardian and father, Premnath Shetty, aged about 13 years, residing at Apartment No. 506C, Nikoo Homes 2, Bharatiya City, 6/1, Thanisandra Main Road, near Regal Hospital, Bengaluru – 560064, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Prisha Shetty to Shreyas Shetty, declared before the Advocate and Notary BY S. Raghunandan and Naveen Kumar R. N.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) V KURUNANITHI,** father No.16115727A, NK, RAJKUMAR K, residing at House No.2/367, Kasavalnaduthekar, Karukkakattai (Vill), Naduvur (Post), Orthanadu (Tehsil), Thanjavur (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 614904, Have Changed my name to **(NEW NAME) KARUNANITHI VADIVEL** And **DOB** from **05.08.1968** to **01.06.1964** Vide Affidavit Dated 06.04.2026 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

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CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VINITA**, D/o Vakil Prasad Jaiswal and W/o Abhishek Jaiswal, age 40 years, R/at Flat No. 211, Sri Sai Supreme Apartment, Site No. 41/4, Dodda Kammanahalli, Gottigere, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560 083 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **VINITA** and **VINITA JAISWAL** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **VINITA JAISWAL** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 05-04-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PUSHPAVATHI .B.S** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUNITA KUMAR**, D/o Krishna Prasad, aged about 44 years, R/at No.206, Jeevanadi Ganga Apt, Nanjundeshwara Temple Street, Near Shiva Temple, Doddanekkundi, Bengaluru-560037, have changed my name to **SUNITA PRASAD**, vide affidavit dated: 07.04.2026 before Notary **Sivakumara M.N**, Bengaluru.

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I, Mr. SHIVAKUMAR G KHATOKAR, aged about 42 years, S/o. GNANESHWAR RAO, Presently Residing at Flat No 301, A Block, Yuva Infinity Blue Meadows, 2nd Cross, Subbaiah Garden, Balagere Road, Varthur, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560087, have changed my name from **SHIVAKUMAR GNANESHWAR** to **SHIVAKUMAR G KHATOKAR,** vide affidavit dated 6/4/2026 sworn to before Yankoba Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) THIRUMATHI SELVI,** mother of No.16115727A, NK, RAJKUMAR K, residing at House No.2/367, Kasavalnaduthekar, Karukkakattai (Vill), Naduvur (Post), Orthanadu (Tehsil), Thanjavur (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 614904, Have Changed My name to **(NEW NAME) SELVI KARINANIDHI,** Vide Affidavit Dated 06.04.2026 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

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I **PURUSHOTHAMA**, aged about 28 years, S/o Late Vishwanth, Residing at Basaveswara Nagar, Arisinakunte, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Karnataka – 562123, I have changed my name for **PURUSHOTHAMA** to **ARJUN** by affivadit dated **06-04-2026**, Sworn before Mamatha N.K, Advocate and Notary, Bengaluru

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CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NAGARAJA K,** S/o Late Krishnappa N, age 40 years, R/at No. 91, Near Samudhaya Bnavana, Mayasandra Village and Post, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District-562 107 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NAGARAJ K** to **JAISIMHA K M,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **JAISIMHA K M** (ಜೈಸಿಂಹ ಕೆ.ಎಮ್.) vide affidavit dated 18-03-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **H.M. UMESH** at Bangalore.

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I, NAMITHA YADAV.C (new name) previously called NAMITHA YADAVA.C (old name), Wife of M.R. Niranjan Yadav, aged about 39 years, (D.O.B :27.02.1987) resident of No.64, Sompura Hobli, Maralakunte Post, Bengaluru Rural District-562 111. I have changed my Name from Namitha Yadava. C to C Namitha Yadav. vide Affidavit Date 6/4/26 Advocate and notary By Prakasha.C

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I, T EJASWINI, aged about 37 years, W/o. Manjunath B K, rhesiding at No. 3228, 3rd Cross, Rajyotsava Nagar, Kuamraswamy Layout, Bangalore-560078, I Have changed My name from TEJASWANI TO TEJASWINI .V Vide Affidavit Date 24/3/26 Advocate and notary By L Puttaraju

CHANGE OF NAME
I, M. SOMA SUNDER, aged 45 years, S/o, Muniswamy P. Residing at, No.218, 1st Main, Near Shanishwara Temple, Attur Layout, Yelahanka, Attur Post, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560064, have changed my Name from **SOMA SUNDARA KRISHNA MURTHY.M.** to **M. SOMA SUNDER,** vide affidavit dated: 06-04-2026 Sworn before Notary, Vijayalakshmi.K, Bengaluru.

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'WE DIDN'T SEEK LUXURY COMING INTO THE INDUSTRY'

Aditya and Kitty, reuniting after 21 years, along with debutant director Ranjan Shivaraam Gowda, discuss their upcoming film *Terror*, open up about fading theatre audiences, changing industry dynamics, and more.

A SHARADHAA

ADITYA and Kitty, two actors who have weathered multiple phases of Kannada cinema, come together once again for *Terror*, marking the directorial debut of Ranjan Shivaraam Gowda. The film, produced by Silk Manju along with Ravi Vasist and Smitha Vasist, which is releasing on April 10, also brings together several senior actors, including Devaraj, Shashikumar, Sharath Lohitashwa, Kumar Bangarappa, Dharma, and Shobraj, along with Akshara Gowda and Shivangi Varma, making it a project rooted as much in experience as in ambition.

But as the conversation unfolds, *Terror* becomes more than just a title. It turns into a lens through which they reflect on the current state of cinema itself. When asked what "*terror*" or fear means in today's film landscape, Srinagar Kitty doesn't hesitate. "Lack of audience," he says. "And the quality and quantity of cinema. We are not able to bring that kind of audience to theatres, and that should be our effort."

Aditya agrees, adding his perspective to it. "There are too many films coming out. The kind of big-budget, big-canvas films we expect is very few. Today, the audience knows from the beginning whether they want to watch a film. My fear is whether we cater to their taste, whether we have already lived up to it, or if we have reached saturation. There is definitely an element of fear." That sense of uncertainty is not something they shy away from. They acknowledge it, even as they remain deeply rooted in their craft.

The duo says that their age and experience have not affected their attitude towards cinema. "Our attitude towards cinema is the same. It is our bread and butter. Nothing has changed, and we still consider it sacred." It is perhaps this consistency that has helped their films endure.

Expressing gratitude towards people who supported them through thick and thin, they reflect, "Successful Films are always remembered because they have reached people. There are films that people have appreciated. There are ups and downs, but we are still here." Aditya lists out how they differ from the present generation. He admits that the word 'content' beats him. "But when the present generation talks about 'content', a word which I never understood, but that is used very often, I understand it as 'story'. Characters are being written and designed, but somewhere, it is not coming to us in the right way."

The conversation moves to rejection of films and choices, and whether it affects them. "I feel it at times," Kitty concedes. "Of course, there are failures in my career too. But it happens to everyone: the director, the producer, and the actor. As an actor, every time a film fails, you look for appreciation and make sure the producers recover their money." What perhaps stings more is how quickly the fate of a film is decided today. "There was a time when films ran for a year, or at least close to 50 to 100 days. However, now, sometimes it becomes a no-show after the first show. That definitely hurts. We are human beings. Years ago, we had takers for Kannada films. Today, theatres brim with other languages, and sadly, Kannadigas are not watching Kannada cinema as much."

Aditya, however, is clear about one thing: the idea of hierarchy among actors. "There is nothing called a second line of heroes. Are we saying the top actors have delivered only super hits? Everybody has had hits and flops. I can list superstars who have given big flops, too." For him, cinema is a collective effort. "You cannot blame or point at one person. It is teamwork." Kitty agrees, but adds a caveat. "The director is the captain of the ship. It is his responsibility to decide which character justifies which actor."

Ranjan Shivaraam Gowda is finally making his directorial debut after 17 years of persistence. For him, the film is a long-awaited opportunity. "When I aspired to become a director, I always believed I should write the story first and then look for the hero," he says. "When I wrote *Terror*, I had these actors in mind, including Aditya and Kitty. The producer, Silk Manju, believed in the story and helped bring together good artists and technicians. This wouldn't have been possible without his support."

With a title like *Terror* and the tagline Ravana Arriving, the film hints at morally complex characters, something both actors see as increasingly relevant. "Somewhere, people are liking the anti-hero," Aditya says. "But we cannot simply call the character bad." Kitty adds with a striking metaphor, "Rama's devotees go to temples, Ravana's devotees come to theatres. Why the character is named Ravana is something the audience has to watch on screen."

Aditya offers a glimpse into his role, which is a complex combination of Rama and Ravana. "It is not a gangster film. My character is a businessman with an ideology. There is a Ravana in him that makes him do certain things, and a Rama in him that saves him. It is about good and evil together." The reunion of Aditya and Kitty after 21 years, however, is not just nostalgic. It serves the narrative. "It is an ideological clash between characters," Kitty explains.

For Shivaram, working with experienced actors like Devaraj, Shashikumar, and Kumar Bangarappa has been a defining part of the journey. "They never behaved like superstars," he says. "Every character in the film is interconnected, and working with them has been inspiring," he adds.

As the conversation draws to a close, the actors reflect on how much the industry and its working culture have evolved. "We grew up in the industry without caravans," Aditya recalls. "There was no luxury. We learned everything that way. Today, even those who are not so popular ask for double-door caravans." Kitty smiles, adding, "We came at a time when even cell phones were new and not a priority. We enjoyed that time, and we enjoy today too." Despite the concerns, the criticism, and the changing dynamics, there is still a sense of belief that drives them forward. "*Terror* will make a mark," Aditya says. "With Manjunath as producer, Ranjan as director, and Kitty and me coming together, we believe in it."

Glen Powell's film titled *The Comeback King*

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WE reported recently that Glen Powell is starring in a comedy film directed by Judd Apatow. The latest development is that the film has been titled *The Comeback King*. The film stars Powell in the role of a singer, performing country and western music, who is facing a decline in his career. Apatow is directing the film from a screenplay he has written alongside Powell himself. It also stars Cristin Milioti, Stavros Halkias, Li Jin Hao, and Madelyn Cline.

Apatow doubles up as the film's producer, as does Powell. The director is backing the film through his namesake banner as part of its overall deal with Universal Pictures. *The Comeback King* reunites Glen Powell with Universal Pictures after Twisters (2024). He also has a voice role in the recent Universal Pictures release The Super Mario Galaxy Movie, co-starring Chris Pratt, Jack Black, Anya Taylor-Joy, and Charlie Day. With The Running Man and How to Make a Killing as his other recent credits, the actor will next be seen in the second season of Chad Powers.

Picture turns wedding song into a star-studded celebration

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THE first song from *Picture*, produced by Shilpa Ganesh under Golden Movies, is out. Debutant Sandeep Bedra is directing the Kannada-Tulu bilingual, starring Nithya Prakash Bantwal in his debut. The film is currently in post-production.

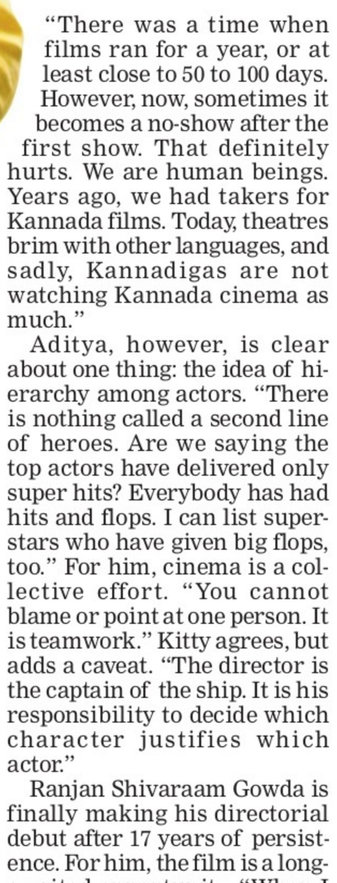
Released on Anand Audio, the track is set at a wedding and unfolds like a real celebration. Written by Chetan Kumar (Kannada) and Anup Bhandari (Tulu), with music by Samuel Abi, the song is one of four in the film. The remaining tracks will be released in the coming weeks.

Shilpa Ganesh says the idea was to keep it organic. "This particular song, which is a marriage sequence, features the who's who of the Tulu industry, around 22 actors. We planned it like a real wedding celebration. It shows how people come together in Tulu Nadu during marriages and functions, and that made it the right space to bring everyone into one frame," she says.

A still from the film

A family comedy, Bedra has also written the story, screenplay, and dialogues. Shot in Mangaluru, Bantwal, and Kashmir, the film pairs Nithya Prakash with Amrutha Sudha, while also featuring a large Tulu ensemble of Devdas Kapikad, Naveen D Padil, Aravind Bolar, Bhojaraj Vamanjoor, Sai Krishna, Vajradeer Jain, and Sadashiva Amin. The makers are targeting a July 24 release.

The bilingual film, made in Kannada and Tulu, is set for a July release


Nithya Prakash Bantwal

Dhananjay marks his OTT debut with *Jerax*, directed by Srinidhi Bengaluru

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ACTOR-producer Dhananjay is set to make his OTT debut with *Jerax*, a fantasy-comedy thriller slated to stream on ZEE5 Kannada. Backed by his banner Daali Pictures, the series marks a big step in his career as he expands into the digital space with a project that blends genre storytelling with a strong regional essence.

Srinidhi Bengaluru marks his directorial debut in the OTT format as both writer and director, with *Jerax*. Following the attention garnered by his debut feature, Blink, Srinidhi brings a narrative that combines dark humour, fantasy, and suspense, while remaining rooted in a distinctly Kannada setting.

"OTT is a space I have been wanting to explore for a while, but it had to be with the right story and the right partner," says Dhananjay. "What drew me to ZEE5 was their intention to back content that feels proudly local, not diluted. *Jerax* allows us to explore genre in a way cinema cannot."

Srinidhi adds, "*Jerax* offered the opportunity to explore dark humour, fantasy, and suspense within a narrative that remains rooted in our cultural context." With a blend of genres and rooted storytelling, *Jerax* is expected to boost Kannada industry in the OTT space.

Srinidhi Bengaluru and Dhananjay

NAMRATA JOSHI

ILKER Catak's Turkish language, Berlinale Golden Bear winner, Yellow Letters, and Hossein Keshavarz and Maryam Ataei's Persian film *The Friend's House Is Here* have a lot in common, like two sides of the same coin. Both are set in the world of performance arts and pivot on the theme of freedom of expression as against censorship, political authoritarianism and repression.

The Friend's House Is Here adds to it a further layer of female sisterhood and artistic solidarity, acquiring urgency in the light of the "Women, Life, Freedom" movement. Moreover, at a time when USA-Israel and Iran are locked in a conflict with catastrophic global ramifications, it feels entirely fitting to look back at a USA-Iran co-production (something unthinkable in today's milieu) that played in the US Dramatic Competition segment of Sundance bagging the festival's Special Jury award for its ensemble cast.

The title of the film is a hat-tip to Abbas Kiarostami's classic parable on childhood, conscience and innocence, Where is the Friend's House? (1987). However, Keshavarz and Ataei, also the film's screenwriters, take the viewers into the rarely seen world of the underground arts in contemporary Iran, driven by creativity, talent, passion and the resistant, subversive energy of young artistes, in this case two women, Pari (Mahshad Bahram) and Hanna (Hana Mana), who also happen to be best friends and roommates. "This country is full of artists," says Hanna wondering if it would be allowed to stay that way.

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In this weekly column, the writer introduces you to powerful cinema from across the world

Film: **The Friend's House Is Here**

The film also gives us a peep into modern Tehran where, antithetical to Western perception, women can be seen moving around freely, often without the hijab and sporting trendy attire with inscriptions of Rumi's poetry. Theatre is where Pari can breathe free and express with candour though illegally so, without the required governmental permission. "Art doesn't need permission" is her strong belief. Hanna is a modern dancer with an Instagram account where she posts videos of her performances in front of landmarks like the Freedom Tower, again without permission from the authorities.

Like all good things, the bubble of liberation doesn't remain untouched by the reality of absolutism, the progressive dreamland soon comes under the surveillance of the conservative forces. It lends an edginess and disquiet to the narrative, with cinematographer Ali Ehsani and composer Arian Saleh helping build a sense of uneasy propulsion with Keshavarz's editing as an ally. At the same time they also bring alive the joy of creation, the gossip, fun and jokes of the hang-outs and a persistent and infectious sense of optimism and energy. Politics might interfere with the arts but doesn't pull down the spirit of artistes eventually.

Keshavarz and Ataei shot the film stealthily (and smuggled it to play at Sundance) in tune with the clandestine arts scene that it brings to fore. So, there's an observational, fly on the wall approach. There's also a constant overlap between the world of avant garde theatre and dance with commonplace reality. Theatre mimics life as Pari's play inspired by Hanna seems to eerily foreshadow their own fearful future.

At the end of the day *The Friend's House Is Here* is a love letter to artistes. It's a celebration not just of their individual artistic integrity, defiance and dissent but of the community for having each other's back in the face of political intrusions, something immensely happy, heartwarming and moving.

With their unvarnished performances, Mahshad Bahram, Hana Mana, Farzad Karen (as Hanna's boyfriend Ali), among others, don't just bring the poise and fellowship of artistes but the grace of Iranian society at large into focus. The goodness and humanity of people across the world as a sign of eternal hope and faith against the transgressions of pernicious regimes.